No Japanese Apology In Daiwa Bank Scandal

Delay in Alerting U.S. Regulators Laid in Part to 'Cultural Differences'

By Nicholas D. Kristof
New York Times Service

TOKYO — The Japanese govern-ment on Thursday defended its failure to notify American banking authorities of the Daiwa Bank scandal in New York, suggesting that if American regulators were upset it was partly because of "cultural differences."

Instead of resolving a misunder-standing, the unusual night-time news conference by the Ministry of Finance is likely to add to the anger in Washington. The Japanese authorines' refusal to apologize and their assertions that, overall, they handled the situation properly will probably be regarded by American officials as adding insult to

injury.
Officials said that Finance Minister
Masayoshi Takemura had telephoned
Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin to explain the six-week delay after the Jap-anese authorides first got wind of the scandal and before the American authorities were alerted to it. But the Finance Ministry formally denied a Japanese news report that Mr. Takemura had apologized.

"Mr. Takemura did not apologize to Mr. Rubin," said Eisuke Sakakibara, a top Finance Ministry official in charge of international finance. Instead, Mr. Sakakihara said, the minister had "acknowledged that there was a partial failure of communication."

"I don't think there was anything improper in what we have done," Mr. Sakakibara added. He said that he, Mr. Takemura and everyone in the ministry still had full confidence in the official who did not choose to act when he

learned of the problems. The scandal erupted after a 44-year-old Japanese trader for Daiwa Bank wracked up \$1.1 hillion in losses in the New York office over 11 years. The trader, Toshihide Iguchi, broke the news in a rambling letter of more than 30 pages sent to Daiwa Bank's president in July.

Yoshimasa Nishimura, the director-general of the banking bureau, was the star witness Thursday night in the Finance Ministry's attempt to absolve it-self of guilt for its failure to inform

American regulators. But as he spoke Mr. Nishimura seemed to dig himself into an even deeper hole.

Mr. Nishimura confirmed that he was first told of the potential scandal in a meeting on Aug. 8 with Daiwa Bank's president. But he contended that this was simply as distribution. was simply an "insinuation" of an unbelievable incident, not a proven fact, and that he had acted responsibly in simply instructing the bank to investigate the matter and report back to him. But Mr. Nishimura acknowledged that he was told in that Aug. 8 meeting that the sum involved exceeded \$1 bilier.

lion and that the problem had been occurring for more than 10 years.

"When I heard the size of that amount, I immediately recalled what had happened to Barings, and I thought that if this were true it would be a major incident," Mr. Nishimura said, Barings, the British investment firm, suffered a \$1.3 hillion loss incurred by a rogue

trader and collapsed as a result. Yet Mr. Nishimura said that he had taken no action other than ordering the bank president to investigate and report back. He said be had not even reported the matter to his own superiors in the ministry until after Daiwa Bank had given the ministry a formal report Sept. confirming the scandal.

Even then, the Ministry of Finance did not inform American regulators. Daiwa Bank told American authorities

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A peacekeeper escorting a bulldozer Thursday on the road from Sarajevo to Gorazde. A UN aid convoy for Gorazde was stopped by mines and landslides.

Will NATO Know How (Or When) To Get Out?

By Rick Atkinson

BERLIN - NATO has decided how to get into Bosnia. Now the alliance wants to be certain it knows how to get out.

By approving a five-phase plan designed to separate the warring parties in Bosnia with at least 50,000 combat troops, NATO ambassadors took the most concrete step yet toward the biggest military operation in the alliance's 46-year history.

Drafted by General George Joulwan. NATO's commander in Europe, the plan approved Wednesday includes funneling

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troops into Bosnia through five "entry points" and establishing a 1,000-kilome-ter-long (620-mile-long) "zone of separa-non" between Bosnian adversaries.

But it is the fifth and final phase withdrawal of the force - that causes the greatest unease among some NATO civilian and military planners.

"This is key, for the United States and many other countries," a NATO diplomat said, "End points have to be defined. What constitutes success? When can you say you're finished?

"The military is going to require more guidance on this as we go along. We have to look at this in much more detail."

Asked to describe the circumstances under which the force would be pulled out of Bosnia, a senior NATO official said, "That we haven't gone into."

Notwithstanding the cease-fire that took effect Thursday, Western officials cautioned that a comprehensive peace accord — a prerequisite for any NATO deployment — may still be months away. So many thorny political issues await resolu-tion, from the physical division of Bosnia to the return of refugees, that planners believe they have time to further define the desired end state of the military deploy-

Robert Hunter, U.S. ambassador to NATO, said in a telephone interview from Brussels, "This is going to be a limited duration operation, 12 months max. We're not going to take responsibility beyond that."

But military commanders privately wor-ry that such resolve may be difficult to sustain a year from now, particularly if it appears that a NATO pullout would trigger new bloodshed. They cite such cautionary antecedents as the decades-long UN operation in Cyprus and, more recently, the deployment to Somalia of UN and

'History doesn't help in this regard," said Colonel Terence Taylor, assistant director of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London. "All operations like this start with, 'Well, yes, it will

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Israel-Syria Talks

Lose Momentum

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - In an-

other sign that the peace talks between

Israel and Syria are not moving forward,

the State Department on Thursday said Secretary of State Warren M. Christo-pher will not visit Damascus and Jerusa-

lem when he attends a Mideast economic

meeting in Amman, Jordan, this month.

The department's spokesman, Nicholas Burns, said Mr. Christopher re-

mained determined to keep working on

the Israel-Syria "track," which Washing-

ton calls the key to a comprehensive

Middle East peace. But he is unlikely to visit both countries until he is persuaded

that his presence in Damascus and Jeru-

salem "would make a difference," Mr.

He said Mr. Christopher would leave Washington on Oct. 28, arrive in Amman the next day, head the U.S. delega-

tion to the economic meeting and return to the United States on Oct. 30, a day before opening U.S.-led peace talks on Bosnia at a still-undecided location.

Bosnia Pact Bent but Not Broken by **New Clashes**

Officials Emphasize That Full Compliance Is Bound to Take Time

Compiled by Our Staff From Pispatches SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - A cease-fire took hold Thursday in Sarajevo and most other parts of Bosnia, but heavy

fighting in the northwest threatened to undermine the fragile truce.

Reports indicated that fighting in the area decreased but did not stop after the cease-fire took effect at 12:01 A.M.

Each side blamed the other for the per-

sistence of the fighting. President Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia said that the Serbs were threatening the truce by continuing efforts to retake Sanski Most, near the Bosnian Serbian stronghold of Banja

And a spokesman for the Bosnian Serbs said that "although the intensity and extent of the activity of Muslim-Croat forces significantly decreased, it still seriously eopardizes the cease-fire.

In Washington, Richard C. Holbrooke, the U.S. assistant secretary of state largely responsible for the cease-fire, said truce violations would not derail the peace process, but added that they could prompt new NATO air strikes.

The United States will take swift action," he warned at a news conference in

The White House press secretary, Michael McCurry, said: Things seem to be better" in Bosnia, especially in Sarajevo. But hy no means will we pronounce this a 100 percent success until we see in coming days how the parties honor their ohliga-

A UN military spokesman, Lieutenant Colonel Chris Vernon, predicted that it might take several days for all fighting to

stop.
"Militarily, it is unrealistic to expect that any two armies along a 1,000-kilometer confrontation line who have been in close contact are going to be able to disengage themselves within a few hours," Colonel Vernon said in Sarajevo.

"People who have been fighting each other at a distance of 200 meters don't just put their rifles in the air and say 'I'm walking backwards, thank you very much," he said.

Despite his warning to the Serbs, Mr. Izetbegovic said during a visit to Vienna that he believed the truce would hold, and that it could result in a peace settlement by

the end of the year.

"I believe that this cease-fire will be turned into peace," be said. "In spite of all that the Serb side is doing, we believe this will be overcome and we will have lasting

Asked when that might be, he replied: By the end of this year, maybe. I think

The new truce is intended to lead to negotiations at the end of the month in the United States on details of a U.S.-brokered peace plan. A peace conference in Paris would follow.

Even if this cease-fire bolds for 60 days,

as planned, the warring parties have only just begun to discuss Bosnia's future shape and have not yet tackled the most difficul issues of how territory should be divided

The areas of greatest dispute are Saraj vo, the Breko corridor that links Serbi possessions in eastern Bosnia with the territory in the north and the eastern clave of Gorazde.

Apart from fundamental issues of t tory and government, there are many q nons about human rights; the retur refugees; mutual recognition amon states that once made up Yugoslawi status of the region of eastern Slav UN sanctions, and the cost and resp. 45 bility of reconstruction.

An example of the kind of reconstruction that is needed came Thursday, when mines and landslides on a long-closed road forced a UN convoy to abandon an effort to carry aid from Sarajevo to Gorazde.

In Sarajevo, residents shot guns into the air in celebration as the cease-fire went into effect, and began enjoying one of the effects of the truce: working gas and electricity.
Nonetheless, the truce has not ended the

siege of Sarajevo. Its residents cannot travel freely in and out of the city because the roads, which cross through Serbian-held territory, can be dangerous or barricaded. (AP, Reuters, AFP)

Burning of the Amazon Forest Is Worst in Years

By Diana Jean Schemo New York Times Service

PORTO VELHO, Brazil — Three years after Brazil played host to the Earth Summit, which forged ambitious international accords on biodiversity and climate change, burnings in the Amazon region appear to be approaching the worst levels ever, while information on the country's most explosive ecological issue — the extent of forest clearing in the Amazon — has virtually dried up.

The burnings, aggravated by six months of little or no

rain in the region, are leaving a thick blanket of gray smoke over forest and savanna. At the height of the burning season recently, the forest was cloaked in shad-ow, the sun appeared veiled and neither stars nor moon could be seen at night.

The vast fires in the Amazon region are not runaway

iai ritual from early July November as ranchers, farmers and developers clear land for cattle grazing, planting or building. Much of the smoke rises from regrown forests in areas that were felled years ago, along with pastures and savannas. But the locations of some fires suggest a large amount of virgin rain forest is being cleared as well.

Airports in much of the Amazon have been closed for at least part of every day because of the thick smoke. Doctors at a hospital in Rondonia said they were seeing many more patients as a result of the burnings this year than last, with many children suffering from respiratory

"According to our statistics, this year is the worst year as far as fires are concerned," Marcio Nogueira Barbosa, director general of the Brazilian government's National know that the situation in some parts is very dire."

The increase comes after several years of claims by the Brazilian government that destruction of the Amazon rain forest had slowed thanks to steps it had taken, including the elimination of government subsidies for clearing untouched forest. But environmental experts contend that the country's failure to analyze the extent of deforestation since 1991 and the stepped-up levels of burnings in the Amazon region raise doubts about those

The fate of the Amazon rain forest has drawn worldwide interest because it is believed to be home to a large share of the world's species. Atmospheric scientists also say that extensive clearing of the rain forest may contrib-

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Simpson Faults Himself For Being 'Physical' in '89

NEW YORK — In his first detailed interview since his acquittal on murder charges last week. O.J. Simpson said that he had been wrong to "get physical" with his wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, in a 1989 incident that led to his pleading no-contest to charges of spousal abuse.

He also said that his trial for the killing of Mrs. Simpson and her friend had not left him financially wrecked, that he was "on the same page" with his former wife's family about the welfare of their two children, that the race angle that came to play so significant a role in his trial was supplied by the news media, that he had fielded offers from both American and foreign news organizations to buy aspects of his

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find a job. "I've always found a way," said Mr. Simpson, who is 47. "I'm an American. I should have a right to find a job and support my family.

In a 45-minute telephone interview with The New York Times, Mr. Simpson said that he had pulled out of an interview with NBC News scheduled for Wednesday night because his lawyers had convinced him that answering questions about the case might make it more difficult to defend himself against civil suits. Wrongful-death suits have been filed by the families of Mrs. Simpson and Ronald L. Goldman, who was slain with her-

Mr. Simpson said he had worried as well that the network was preparing for a prosecution-like interrogation of him.

He also described his life and emotions

in the days since he was declared not guilty in a Los Angeles courtroom. Among other things, he said he was willing to meet with battered women to "talk about my rela-

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Peru's Birth Control Battle THE AMERICAS

Candidates Get Together

SANCTIONS' PRICE — Women rolling gas cylinders home Thursday in Baghdad, where an official denied a report that Iraq misled the UN. Page 7.

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In Fur Season, Russia's New Rich Revive the Mink Market

By Michael Specter

PUSHKINO, Russia — A sharp hint of winter has begun to fill the air. Most days the frost is still gone with the sun, but now is the time when Russians again begin to dress like Russians: The season of fur has

And this year it has returned with a twist that has astonished everyone from the people in this small town who run the country's largest fur farm to shopkeepers in Moscow and importers across the globe.

With six types of mink, buge reserves of fox, and sable so luxurious that, according to legend, the ancient Greeks and Romans called it the Golden Fleece, fur exports have always helped fix the Russian identi-

ty in Western minds.

of what they were just five years ago, but not because prices have soared or animal-rights advocates have turned off the West entirely to fur.

It's simpler than that, Russians themselves - often newly rich, profoundly ostentatious and belibent on staying warm throughout the six-month winter - are huying fur like never before. The market in Russia is simply exploding," said

Jay Mechutan, a New York fur importer who has been working with the Russians for more than 50 years, longer than any other American fur company.

"They used to send us anything they could. Now

they are huying even the most expensive of their own products, and when that isn't good enough you find them at every world auction from Greece to Stockholm to Hong Kong.

"With the possible exception of the Koreans, they have become the largest exception at the largest exception." in Western minds.

Not any more. Fur exports have slowed to a fraction

have become the largest consumers in the world market. And it pretty much happened overnight."

Maybe not quite overnight. Fur and caviar, after all, are Russia's two most famous luxury items. And fur has been a signature status symbol here for centuries. It was the magnificent and clusive sable, with its rich silky undercoat, that helped lure Russians 5,000 miles across Siberia over much of the world's most

inhospitable terrain. But fur sales have had their rough spots lately, particularly in the United States. In the 1980s retail sales of fur cruised up to about \$2 billion. Now the 80s are over, at least in the West. Tighter money, the second-warmest winter in a century and the clear impact of animal-rights protests nearly halved retail

were in 1987. In earlier decades that might have devastated the Russian market. But, at least for the privileged few thousand, times are better now than they have ever

sales in the United States last year from what they

While no statistics are issued on domestic fur sumption, in 1991, the Russian state statistical as says, there was almost exactly \$60 million worth purchased for export. The next year the figure up to \$62 million, and it grew again in 1993, we the first time more than 50,000 pounds of pel-\$64 million, were sent abroad.

Last year the export market appeared " falling to \$30 million worth of sales, even thend skins were culled than ever before. This yewill surely deepen.

"We were taken by surprise at first," fur farm Nyukhalov, deputy director of the Pusjere thouhere less than an hour north of Moscocaged lives sands of sables live their very abbreviaders of the under security that would make the

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A Birth Control Showdown Pits 2 Latin Pillars

By Gabriel Escobar . Vashington Post Service

IMA — With its clapboard shacks clinging precariously to a dusty hillside, the slum known as Virgin Mary Triumphant seems an unlikely setting for a battle between the two great pillars of any Latin American country — the Roman Catholic Church and the state. But this shantytown, with its panoramie view of extreme poverty, finds itself on the front lines in a bitter war over birth control.

Since President Alberto Fujimori pushed through a voluntary sterilization program in September, a decision that set this predominantly Catholic country on a radical course by Latin American standards and astonished church leaders throughout the cootinent, the poor in Virgin Mary Triumphant and similar slums have been peppered with lessons on the virtues of contraception as well as fiery admonitors from ours and priests.

With the church and the Peruvian state each proclaiming itself protector of the poor, these battles are oot for the meek. Warnings from some church leaders that tetanus shots contain anti-fertility drugs have confused people and created a potential health problem. Women worry that ads on contraception will make their children promiscuous. Husbands wonder if their wives will stray. And at the weekly Bible sessions at Virgin Mary Triumphant, a nun warns women that sterilization will lead

Stripped of the moral arguments that such a state-sponsored plan poses in a Catholic country, Mr. Fujimori's policy aims to reduce poverty by limiting the number of Peruvians who inevitably would be born into it. But in deciding that the state should help prevent the deciding that the state should help prevent the birth of 500,000 Peruvians by the year 2000, Mr. Fujimori also has linked population cootrol to a shift to market-oriented economic policies, putting Peru in conflict with the church and making the country a critical testing ground for the Vatican.

According to church leaders, politicians and others here, the outcome of the struggle between the two powers in the shantytowns

between the two powers in the shantytowns could have broad implications for Latin America, bome to almost a third of the world's Catholics and a region ardently on the side of the Vatican since Queen Isabella of Spain financed Columbus's yoyage and began a

conquest in the name of God With almost all countries now embracing market-driven economic policies and all facing severely skewed distribution of wealth, many church leaders are critical of the ecotiomic trend. They are at odds with such popular presidents as Carlos Saul Menem of Argentina and Fernando Henrique Cardoso of Brazil. The prelates reflect Pope John Paul II's calls for social justice and a moderation of what the pontiff has called "savage capitalism," a term echoed by conscrvative church leaders in Latin America.

Here, the contest has a personal tone. Mr. Fujimori, who is widely popular among the poor, has called bishops "sacred cows." While in Beijing attending the UN conference on women, be was quoted as saying that he was prepared to lead a move to reduce the Varican's role in Latin America. He has sub-

sequently denied making the claim.

By taking such a public stance against the church, Mr. Fujimori has broken a tradition of most Latin American leaders. The last leader to take such a public stance against the Vatican was the Argentine Juan Perón in 1954. who was punished with excommunication by

Pope Pius XII and overthrown a year later. For Mr. Fujimori, a Catholic, the stance against the church seems to have paid off. Polls indicate he is more popular than he was



Mr. Fujimori with hydroelectric workers. His stands have won him wide popularity.

election, when Cardinal Augusto Vargas

Alzamora, the archbishop of Lima and primate of Peru, backed Mr. Fujimori's opponent, the oovelist Mario Vargas Llosa. The

endorsement of an avowed agnostic continues to haunt the church and is seen as at least a

contributing factor in Mr. Fujimori's decision

But that is just one interpretation of a battle

with significant political undertones. Another is that Mr. Fujimori cannot brook a rival and,

given his popularity among the poor, has

decided to challenge the hishops. His overwhelming victory in April over the former UN

secretary-general, Javier Pérez de Cuellar, left

Mr. Fujimori, famous for relishing a brawl,

"The view that the church is invincible, that

it is the strongest institution and that all who

confront it lose is almost a golden rule for any Latin American politician," said Manuel Tor-

rado, an analyst who directs the polling firm

Datum. "But the president likes conflicts. He has defeated the most famous writer in the

world and the former secretary-general of the

UN. I had often said that the only thing be

lacked is a confrontation with God or the

Pope."
"This may open a road for others," said

Hector Bejar Rivera, an author and political

analyst with the CEDED research group.

with oo serious political opponents.

to take on the hierarchy.



before he announced his population control plan, with the church consistently at a disadvantage. Analysts say the church has been left little choice but to temper its criticism and reassess its strategy.

Mr. Fujimori's strained relationship with the church dates from the 1990 presidential

stitutes a family. It ensures free sterilization to men and women and eliminates a husband's prior consent. It also recognizes informal unions that are popular among the poor and gives poor women, traditionally voiceless, imprecedented rights. "One child in the womb, one on the back, one in the right hand, one in the left hand, that is the kind of woman to whom this policy is ultimately directed," said Martha Hildebrandt, chairwoman of the health committee in Congress and, aside from Mr. Fujimori, the leading exponent of population control. "The woman is on the owner of her body. Not the man. She is the one who decides whether she wants another child." The government argues that the policy extends to the poor what has always been available to other Peruvian women: safe and reliable birth control. Mrs. Hildebrandt and others say the policy will reduce unwanted pregnancies and reduce abortions. Health officials say 270,000 abortions are performed annually, even though they are illegal, meaning one out of three pregnancies ends in abortion.

HURCH officials, aside from emphasizing the moral arguments against artificial birth control, say Mr. Fujimori's plan ignores Peru's declining birth rate and hlames the poor for the country's economic problems. The birth rate in Peru is now 3.4 per woman, down from as high as 8.0 in the 1940s, according to estimates. Since 1960, Peru's population has almost doubled, to 23 million. Church officials say the poverty rate of 48 percent reflects the failure of gross national product to

"There used to be the myth that the church was untouchable. In practical terms, this has resulted in legislation that redefines what con-

outpace population growth.
"We shouldn't blame the new Peruvians who have been born into poverty," said Bishop Miguel Irizar Campos, secretary-general of the Episcopal Conference of Peru,

Bishop frizar and other church leaders have begun emphasizing natural birth control. The church has also increased its assistance to the poor, primarily because privatization of stateowned companies has left many without jobs.

"Without a doubt we were surprised by his position, which was initially very aggressive, Bishop Irizar said, "We came out looking like obstacles to the development of the country because we did not yield to a policy that is contrary to our way of seeing things. We looked like we were not doing what we have always been saying in Latin America, giving preference to the poor."

Bishop Irizar said the church would take its message to the people, falling back on what Congressman Rafael Rey, a member of the conservative Catholic lay group Opus Dei, calls a "return to origins." It will have to convert Mrs. Hildebrandt's "elastic Catholics," mainly poor Peruvians who su port Mr. Fujimori and for whom birth control is a reality.

In places like Virgin Mary Triumphant and Villa El Salvador, Lima's largest slum, doctors were performing sterilizations long be-fore the new law. To counselors in Villa El Salvador, the only thing the fight between church and state has done is to sow confusion among the poor.

"They like that they are being given more opportunities to take care of themselves, but they don't like the attitude of the government,' said Jessica Saavedra, a counselor in one of Lima's slums. "No one has consulted them."

Teresa Rodríguez, a Mary Triumphant resident who uses an intrauterine device, said church leaders did not understand her dilemma. 'If I have a fifth child, I will have to take a little away from the other four," she said.

Quebec Focuses On Partnership

Separatists Shift Debate As Polls Predict Defeat

By Charles Trueheart Washington Post Service

CHATEAUGAY. Quebec - Sovereignty's last chance in this century for Quebec comes in just over two weeks, in a It shows 55 percent or Queboon in just over two weeks, in a ers voting yes if a partnership provincial referendum tied to a ers voting yes if a partnership with Canada were guaranteed. rest of Canada.

'This is fundamentally a question of self-confidence. Lucien Bouchard, Quebec's most popular politician in a night. "Do we have enough confidence in ourselves to make decisions for our- cut a better deal for itself.

the negative, just as they did in 1980, the only other time they voted on proposed "sovereign-ty-association" with Canada.

The task of turning the undecided into yes voters has fallen squarely on Mr. Bouchard, 56, the leader of the separatist Bloc Québécois, the official opposition in the Canadian House position in the Canadian House

of Commons, Mr. Bouchard was designated Friday as Quebec's chief ne-gotiator with Canada in the event the separatists win the referendum on Oct. 30.

Until last week, the official leader of the pro-independence camp had been Jacques Parizeau, the Quebec premier, notion, repeated

For Mr. Parizeau, 65, a comthe moribund Parti Québécois to triumph in last year's provintion is that Mr.

The assumption is that Mr.

maintain strong and formal po-litical and economic links to the

rest of Canada. Only one poll, taken by the Canadian Broadcasting Corp., gives separatist strategists hope.

About 20 to 30 percent of the largely French-speaking Que-bec electorate believes that the province, as one of the two founding nations" of Canada generation, told a partisan sub-urban crowd of 1,000 the other night. 'Do we have enough and home to a quarter of its population, has never been treat-ed properly by the English-dominated federal system and should

Few Quebeckers believe the The polls indicate that Quebeckers will probably reply in the negative, just as they did in and Canada during protracted haggling over national disso-lution. And many Quebeckers share the view often expressed hy the Quebec-born prime minister of Canada, Jean Chretien, who calls himself 'a proud Francophone, a proud Quebecker and a proud Canadi-

Mr. Boucbard's ascendancy has a strategic aim. By trying to shift the debate to partnership, away from separation, the he wants voters to focus on the possible political climate after

Mr. Bouchard ridiculed the notion, repeated daily by the federal government, that Canamitted separatist who brought da would refuse to negotiate

cial elections, it was a concession to a vastly more popular Bouchard is positioning himself to take over from Mr. Because it shifted leadership Parizeau as premier of Quebec from the provincial premier to and prepare for another camthe head of the Quebec bloc in paign for Quebec indepen-the federal legislature, the dence Mr. Parizeau has warned move was also a recognition English Canada about its that if Quebeckers are going to vote in favor of any change, a to the dentist" if sovereignty does not prevail.

TRAVEL UPDATE

A Ferry Link to Algiers Resumes

ALGIERS (AFP) - The first French passenger ferry to sail to Algeria in 10 months arrived in the port of Algiers on Thursday.

The car-ferry Liberté, owned by the French state-run SNCM, docked with about 100 people on board after what officials described as an "experimental" voyage to test a possible resumption of maritime links that were cut off Dec. 27 because of feared attacks by Islamic extremists.

Full resumption of sea traffic between France and Algeria is expected in the next few weeks.

Museum to Honor Fish and Chips

LONDON (Reuters) — Britain's best-known fish-and-chips shop, Harry Ramsden's, is to open a museum dedicated to the art of deep frying next to its original outlet in northern England. The ceoterpiece of the museum will be a reconstruction of the hut where Harry Ramsden, the founder of the chain, first fried at Guiseley in 1928, the company said Thursday.

The museum will also include memorabilia, cooking utensils and archive photography. Fisb and chips has been a traditional part of the British diet for 100 years, typically eaten out of folded

A rogue elephant charged and mauled a tourist on a walking trip in the bush along Zimbabwe's northern border, seriously injuring her. The woman suffered broken ribs, a collapsed lung and a smashed pelvis after the elephant trampled her and picked her up and threw her to the ground.

An Air France jet blocked for 24 hours at Sydney airport following a union's handling ban in protest against French nuclear tests in the South Pacific arrived in Nouméa, New Caledonia, on Thursday with more than 160 passengers, the airline said. In a statement, the French Embassy in Canberra compared the labor action to an "act of piracy."

Correction

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A headline in Thursday's editions incorrectly named Iran as the country that United Nations' arms inspectors have accused of weapons concealment. The article correctly named Iraq as the country involved.



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Italy Stumbling on an Unfamiliar Path to a New World Role

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By Daniel Williams
Washington Post Service

ROME - For many years, (taly did not need a foreign polcy, Italian observers habitually aid, only half joking. Foreign olicy was made in America. During the Cold War, Italy

as a southern bulwark of the orth Atlantic Treaty Organi-tion and a faithful follower of ashington's leadership. For years, speeches by the coun-'s musical-chair prime miners offered devotion to the liance's fight against Soviet

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along the East-West divide is mano, once an ambassador to nity in silence. Now, however, over and the country is searching for a new part to play on the world stage. Generally, Italian officials say, the search is for status, a recognition of impor-tance to match the size of the country's burgeoning econo-

The quest was embodied in the defiant tone of Foreign Minister Susanna Agnelli this summer. When Italy refused a U.S. request to place F-117 fighterbombers in Italy for use in NA-TO's campaign in Bosnia, she said, "Nothing will be imposed on us by anybody."

Momentary hluster aside, the search for status is hampered not only by the country's diminished strategic importance, but also by its confused internal politics and shaky finances. As a result, Italy is finding it hard

to be taken seriously. ure would go its chances of becoming an EU powerhouse. In other times, Italian leaders

commentator on foreign affairs. We have had running political problems, we are no longer the linchpin of the Atlantic alliance

and we are having trouble meeting requirements for European economic unity. This combi-nation creates a crisis in foreign For Italy, that means being a country that is counted on but not consulted, a country pre-

sented with policies decided in

other capitals — Bonn, London, Paris and Washington. Moreover, Italy teeters on the brink of second-class status in the European Union, which is dominated by Paris and Bonn. Italy may miss a 1998 deadline for getting its finances in order talks with the Contact Group of and qualifying for European monetary union. With that failGermany, Russia and the Unit-

But Italy's role as a state few years," said Sergio Ro- might have suffered this indig-Moscow and now a leading the country is being ruled by an appointed "technical" government while politicians try to work out political reforms.

The caretaker prime minis-ter, Lamberto Dini, has ambitions to head a coalition of parties when elections finally take place, Italian observers say, and has sought to shine abroad as a means of gaining at home.

The fruit of these efforts has

been mixed at best. Two humiliating late-summer inci-dents highlight the country's ehronie image problem. The first concerned a diplomatie debacle over Italy's participation in Balkan peace talks.

In August, Italy was invited to attend an expanded round of ure would go its chances of ed States. Foreign Minister Agnelli told Italian newspapers In other times, Italian leaders that the country had been ad-

mitted permanently to the Con-tact Group, which has worked out a peace plan for Bosnia. The invitation ratified Italy's stand in favor of a negotiated set-tlement, she said.

The announcement took the U.S. Embassy here by surprise. Permanent admission to the Contact Group had not been offered to Italy, an official

When word reached Rome that Italy had not been let into the group, officials reacted with indignation, according to U.S. officials.

The second hlow to Italy's pride concerned its relations with the European Union and its participation in the proposed European currency.

During a recent EU meeting, Finance Minister Theo Waigel of Germany cited Italy as a country that would not meet the stringent financial conditions to join: control of inflation, public

Even though Mr. Waigel's warnings were also directed at France, his comments created a stir here because Mr. Dini counts on the government of Chancellor Helmut Kohl to hless Italy's efforts at fiscal re-

form. Italy is bracing for another disappointment. Its diplomats have been pressing for a rotation in an

expanded UN Security Council, with Italy sometimes wielding a veto like the current five permanent council members ---Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States. But Washington leans toward granting Germany and

Japan permanent chairs.

'If Japan and Germany make it now, when Italy is oot in condition to because of our political situation, it would be a further loss of status," Mr. Ro-

mano said.
"That's the way it's perceived here.'



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The 10 Republican presidential hopefuls posing after a televised forum in Manchester, New Hampshire, the first of the election season.

Republicans Keep Gloves On in New Hampshire

Gingrich and Clinton Raise Stakes in Budget Fight

Congressional leaders and

the White House had agreed to

a six-week "continuing resolu-

tion" to finance the government

after failing to reach agreement on most of the 13 annual spend-

ing bills before the start of the

If Mr. Gingrich and the Re-

publicans carry out their threat,

Mr. Clinton would be deprived

of what the White House antici-

pated as a scries of opportuni-

ties to veto several major fiscal

1996 spending bills to make the

case that Republican policies

low the government to continue governing the environment, the 1996 legislative-braneb appro-

new fiscal year, Oct. 1.

guidelines than the current in- too extreme.

By Richard L. Berke New York Times Service

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire - In the first nationally televised forum of the 1996 campaign, Senator Bob Dole sought to reaffirm his conservative credentials while his nine rivals struggled to emerge from his

The event was more a joint appearance than a debate. But it was the first opportunity for many voters to see the 10 contenders on the same stage, each making a case for why he should be

Yet several candidates sounded as if they were reading the same lines on Wednesday night. One after another, they condemned the power of the federal government and vowed to give more authority to the states. Almost all spoke of the need to reduce the budget and revamp welfare. They advocated family values. And they pitched competing plans for simplify-ing the tax code.

By Eric Pianin

and Ann Devrov

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - The

House speaker, Newt Gingrich,

says a yearlong budget stale-mate is increasingly likely un-less President Bill Clinton

agrees to start bargaining in

In his second attack in as

many days, Mr. Gingrich said

Wednesday that short of receiv-

ing "ironclad assurances" that

the White House was willing to

negotiate, Republicans would

probably wait until shortly be-

fore a Nov. 13 deadline to give

the president all the spending

bills they had passed, on a take-

carnest

The candidates played down the same issues as well. Only in passing did some even mention foreign affairs or another Republican staple, the importance of the military.

While there was no opportunity for the candidates to question one another directly — only a moderator interviewed them — there was surprisingly little partisan sniping during the 90-minute forum. Perhaps the 10 men were taking care not to damage their own reputations in their first big introduction to Republican voters.

Mr. Dole tried to cast himself as a dedicated conservative who is above the intramural competition by ignoring his opponents and taking on the

"Whether it's balancing the budget,

whether it's balancing the budget, cutting taxes \$245 billion, reforming welfare or saving Medicare, President Clinton stands in the way," he said. Making light of the moderator's questions about his age, Mr. Dole, 72, glanced at his younger rivals and said he did not think they were too old to he did not think they were too old to

Thursday that Mr. Clinton was

prepared to veto the Republi-

can bill, Agence France-Presse

The White House spokes-

man, Michael McCurry, dis-missed Republican threats to

hand in a spending bill at the last minute and then recess.

"That would have no impact at

all," he said of the threat, "The

president would veto it, and if

they tried to leave town he

would call them back into ses-

In the event negotiations col-

lapse, Republicans will try to

impose a yearlong interim

funding measure that would al-

operating, but under far more

reported from Washington.

Mr. Dole's effort to defuse the issue was reminiscent of how President Ronald Reagan in 1984 skillfully told his younger Democratic opponent, Walter F. Mondale, that he would not exploit the age issue.

Though the nation's first primary is 20 weeks away — it is tentatively set for Feb. 20 — many candidates have been trooping here for months, years in some cases.

But despite their visits and early television commercials, the most re-cent polls show that Mr. Dole is still the overwhelming favorite. A large segment of the voters said they were undecided and would entertain the notion of voting for Colin L. Powell, the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

For the most part, the candidates were far more polite to one another at the forum than they have generally been on the campaign trail.

Former Governor Lamar Alexander of Tennessee was the first to speak, and he immediately repeated his mantra that he is the only outsider

[The White House said stringent spending and policy and the nation's underclass are Congress of taking care of itself

"I'm not going to give his presidential campaign new cheap-shot photo ops," Mr. Gingrich said. "If they're into

game-playing, let them play by themselves for a while."

According to Mr. Gingrich's

spokesman, Tony Blankley, the

White House would have the

choice of keeping the govern-

ment running on Republican terms or shutting it down. Un-

der that theory, the Republican Congress could argue it did its

work and that the gridlock was

Mr. Clinton's fault.

in the race and is "from the real world." But reminded by the moderator that he had served as education secretary, he came the closest to tak-ing a shot at Mr. Dole, saying, "Some of the others have been in Washington

Patrick J. Buchanan, a conservative commentator who made a respectable showing in this first primary state in 1992, also portrayed himself as "not part of the system in Washington, D.C.—not a professional politician."

Even Senator Phil Gramm of Texas refrained from attacking Mr. Dole, although he did so at a rally shortly before the forum.

Rounding out the candidates at the debate were Representative Robert K. Dornan of California; Malcolm Forbes Jr., the publisher; Alan L. Keyes, a radio personality and former State Department official; Senator Richard G. Lugar of Indiana; Senator Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, and Morry Taylor, a tire and wheel manu-

before doing "the people's business," although the legislation

would have reduced spending by \$200 million from the previ-

"We're serious people trying to do a serious job." Mr. Ging-rich said. "He is running for re-

election, leaving the country

without a functional presi-

Although Republicans lack

the numbers in either chamber

to override a veto, they have

threatened to block action to

raise the federal debt ceiling in

mid-November, which would

they get their way on the bud-

ous year.

POLITICAL NOTES

All Power to the Speaker?

WASHINGTON - It was Newt Gingrich's Medicare deal with doctors, consummated in his office, with no committees involved and no testimony, that sent Thomas A. Daschle over the edge.

"Is this the way we're going to make all the deals in the future?" the Senate Democratic leader fumed. "Are we going to see white smoke coming from the chimney of the speak-

er's fireplace? Mr. Daschle's reference to the Vatican method of announcing the secret selection of a pope reflected Democratic frustration with

the loss of majority rule in Congress. But it also recognizes the power being amassed by Mr. Gingrich, the House Speaker from Georgia.

The Medicare deal, which the American Medical Association said would restore \$300 million in doctors' reimbursements next year alone, had immediate results: The association endorsed the Republican plan.

Another day, another triumph for the voice, face and power center of the Republi-can legislative machine.

Through a combination of structural changes, threats, cajolery, charm and diplomacy, Mr. Gingrich is emerging as one of the strongest House speakers of this century.

The rules by which the House operates are changing in ways that almost always concen-trate more power in Mr. Gingrich's office and disperse less through the rest of the institu-

Mr. Gingrich unquestionably has diluted the influence of committees, which under the Democrats had become fiefdoms run by ranking members of Congress who had been cemented in their chairmanships, some for decades.

The speaker's spokesman, Tony Blankley, acknowledged that under Mr. Gingrich's rule, "There's no doubt that the committee chairmen are not as inherently powerful now as they were before."

Job-Training Overhaul WASHINGTON — The Senate has over-

whelmingly voted to repeal virtually all feder-al job training, adult and vocational education programs and to turn the money over to the states to find ways to train workers and help them find jobs.

The 97-to-2 vote reflected the bipartisan belief that "the only way to truly reform federal job training was to wipe the slate clean and begin again," said Nancy Landon Kassebann, Republican of Kansas and chairwoman of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee.

The new system offers "a real opportunity to belp people looking for jobs," she said. "Instead of being handed off from one agency to another, people will be able to go to a service center and get a full plate of options, and hopefully some good guidance."

The proposed Workforce Development Act would replace more than 80 programs with a single lump-sum payment to the states. Funds would be reduced 15 percent from current spending to belp balance the budget.

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Barry Goldwater, former senator from Arizons, saying the Republican Party should recruit Colin L. Powell for the presidential race: "I think you could almost call him automatically elected — be's that good. I just think he's such an outstanding man, either party would be lucky to get him."

Away

From Politics

 The navy's efforts to combat sexual harassment were defended as the court-martial of Captain Everett Greene, 47, continued in Washington on charges of improper conduct toward two of his female assis-

Admiral Mike Boorda said he hoped sexual misconduct charges this year against three captains who had been nominated for admiral "is not a

 Lyle and Erik Menendez went on trial again in Los Angeles over the slayings of their par-

Separate juries in the brothers' first trials were unable to reach verdicts last year, and mistrials were declared. (AP)

 Dietary supplements containing the stimulant ephedrine may put users at risk for heart attacks, seizures and other severe problems, the Food and Drug Administration said. (AP) • The dwindling stockpile of U.S. nuclear weapons is now positioned in 16 states, mine fewer than there were three

years ago. North Dakota has replaced South Carolina as the state with the most nuclear warheads. said a report by two private nuclear experts, Robert Norris and William Arkin. (AP)

 John Veasey, 29, hit manturned-informant, testified at the trial of John Stanfa, reputed boss of the Philadelphia mob, and recounted how he killed and tortured for the Mafia and survived a botched hit last year. Last week, Mr. Veasey's

brother, William, 35, was shot and killed.

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America's Arbiters of Law Savor Anonymity, and They Get It

By Joan Biskupic Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Supreme Court justices often protest that they speak as a court, not as individuals. They try to avoid press attention, and as much as possible sheathe their

personalities in black robes. Well, it's working. A recent column about public opinion in The Washington Post noted that polisters had found that more people could name the comedians in the "Three Stooges" than could William H. Rehnquist. Justice Ste-

name three of the nine justices. A call to the poll-taker, Luntz Research Companies, showed that there was more on how little the justices are

Of the 1,200 people polled nation-wide, only 1 percent could name Justice John Paul Stevens as a member of the court. It was the same for Stephen G. Breyer. Justice Breyer is the newest justice, appointed by President Bill Clinton in May 1994. But Justice Stevens has been on the court since 1975 and is the most vens also dissents more than any other member of the court.

working poor, senior citizens priations bill Oct. 3, accusing get.

Named only slightly more often than Justices Stevens and Breyer were David H. Souter and Anthony M. Kennedy. Four percent of the people randomly selected in the August survey could name them. Justice Souter, who was President George Bush's first appointee, in 1990, said he liked the low profile.

Only 6 percent of the people polled could name Justice Antonin Scalia. He was the court's first Italian-American justice.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who was Mr. Clinton's first appointee, in 1993, was named by 7 percent. She is the second woman justice. She made her reputation as an advocate for women's legal rights.

Mr. Clinton vetoed the fiscal trigger a financial crisis, unless

Eight percent of the people con-tacted could name Chief Justice Rehnquist. He has been on the court since 1971 and has been chief since 1986. He runs the show. In court, he wears gold stripes on the sleeves of his robe, a novel practice he initiated last term, which obviously did little to gain him public attention.

Clarence Thomas is more of a bousehold name. Thirty percent could name him. Justice Thomas was all over national television four years ago. His confirmation hearings exploded when a former employee, Anita F. Hill, accused him of sexual harassment. He is the court's only black justice.

And the winner, of sorts, is Sandra Day O'Connor. She was the most frequently named justice, cited by 31 percent of the people polled. Nomi-nated by President Ronald Reagan in 1981, she was the first woman on the court.

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East Asian Nations Race to Stock Up on an Array of High-Tech Weaponry

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribune

Asian countries may be headed for an frontation unless they can agree on effective arms control and confidence-building measures, analysts pines, Taiwan and Vietnam.

But virtually every country in the countries, and in some cases groups area is acquiring advanced combat of like-minded countries, are starting aircraft, warships, missiles and other to plan their future security with a weapons with increased accuracy, much reduced level of direct involvepotency and range — raising fears of ment by major external powers." an arms race, especially if rival

states try to enforce their territorial and maritime sovereignty claims.

Such claims pit China and Taiwan, SINGAPORE - Armed with a South and North Korea, China and new generation of weapons, East Japan, and Vietnam and China against each other. In the dispute over era of high-technology military con- the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea, there are six rival claimants: Brunei, China, Malaysia, the Philip-

The wave of military modernization, made affordable by rapid economic growth, is led by China and Japan.

ASIAN SECURITY IS INCRED. 105. In much higher level of Asianization, said Ross Babbage, chief general manager for strategic analysis at Australian Defense Industries. "Most "Asian security is beaded for a

He said this situation provided

confrontations and local crises."

region in which multilateral consultarive and cooperative security institutions are so undeveloped poses a major challenge for the international community," Mr. Babbage added.

East Asian countries meet to discuss political and security problems in the ASEAN Regional Forum. But the forum is barely two years old and has yet to develop a set of confidence-building measures, such as exchanges of information on defense policy and advance notification of military exercises.

On Thursday, rival claimants to the Spratly Islands ended several

But they failed to agree on banning Managing such problems "in a military exercises in the area.

Arms control arrangements in the region are also weak. Some countries list their weapons acquisitions on the voluntary United Nations Register of Conventional Arms, but

some do not The reasons cited by officials for the replacement of older weapons include the need to keep abreast of latest technological developments and protect resources, such as offshore oil and natural gas, that are the subject of conflicting sovereignty claims.
They also include the need for

greater self-reliance in the face of uncertainty about the intentions of days of talks in Indonesia with an other Asian countries and of the nearly 20 percent of the world's

"increased opportunities for old and agreement to continue to try to work United States, which has played a combat aircraft in 1994. But with the ordered by East Asian countries for new frictions and rivalries to generate out new ways of reducing tension. key role in the regional balance of region accounting for about 40 perpower since World War II.

Derek da Cunha, senior fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore, said that the process of acquiring new weapons and putting them into operation could take up to seven years as military staffs

region, this process could well mean planning oo the basis of worst-case scenarios," he said.

In a recent survey, Desmond Ball, a military specialist in the Strategic and Defense Studies Center at the Australian National University in Canberra, found that East Asia had

cent of contracts for delivery of warplanes by the year 2000, he said, its arsenal of aircraft would increase to more than 5,280 by then, or nearly 48 percent of the global total.

He said many of the new weapons being acquired by East Asian states - including jet fighters, maritime project funne needs.

In an era of uncertainty, which now characterizes the Asia-Pacific marines — involved "strike capabilities with offensive connotations' that were likely to "generate counteracquisitions" by other countries.

Mr. Ball estimated that East Asian countries would spend \$130 billion on defense in 1995, an amount equal to that of all Europe, less the states of the former Soviet Union.

About 200 warships have been

Navy was building new types of destroyers, frigates, resupply vessels and amphibious assault ships for 'sustaining operations farther from shore and for longer periods,' raising concerns in the region that China might be able to assert supremacy

over the South China Sea. Mr. Babbage of Australian Defense Industries said that "precision guided munitions that are already held by many regional countries will be deployed with greater ranges, more sophisticated guidance systems and probably in larger numbers."

Air, surface and submarinelaunched missiles will become commonplace," he said.

East Timorese Say Indonesian Army Rounds Up Youths

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
JAKARTA — Indonesian forces raided houses in Dili, the capital of East Timor, on Thursday and rounded up youths in a crackdown after a week of rioting, residents and diplomats

They said that sustained gunnumber of people had been arrested throughout the day. Several others were reported

"It was not isolated, it was pretty heavy and astonishing and surprising because we didn't see the purpose," a diplomat based in Jakarta said.

The streets are empty and there is no atmosphere at all

The crackdown followed a pervised visits. call on Wednesday by Governor Abilio Soares for security forces to restore order after re-newed unrest in several parts of umbrella of the National Coun-

heard in several neighborhoods. Most said they were afraid to leave their homes.

and Indonesia's regional com-

over the heads of rioters overnight in an attempt to con-

trol them. General Rivai said in Dili that any youth who fought against security officials would be shot in the foot.

Since Monday the capital bas been swept by violence, fire was heard in several parts sparked by gang warfare but of the city and that an unknown spreading into rioting and battles with security forces.

Most Dili residents were too scared to leave their homes, while youths were seen burning tires on the streets, a source

A military vehicle was among at least a dozen vehicles burned since Monday.

The government has de-clined to allow foreign jourexcept one of panic. It is a very nalists based in Jakarta to go to confusing and dangerous situ- East Timor for most of this year except during two closely su-

Indonesia has faced sporadic violence from guerrillas and cil for Maubere Resistance, as Resideots, phoned from well as lingering civilian re-Jakarta, said gunfire had been sentment since its 1975 invasion of the former Portuguese

Jakarta annexed East Timor mander, Major General Abdul has poured millions of dollars em heights overlooking Rivai, confirmed reports that into infrastructure, education witnesses said.



URBAN SURF - The scene in Phnom Penh on Thursday after heavy rains flooded the Cambodian capital.

Kabul's Forces Trade Fire With Rebels

KABUL -- The Taleban Islamic militia and forces loyal Afghanistan's president, Earlier, both the territory's in 1976 in a move not recog-police chief, Andreas Sugianto, nized by the United Nations. It heavy artillery fire Thursday in a bid to cut off access to the has defended its rule, saying it battle to control strategic south- strategic Salang Pass.

government forces in northern Burhanuddin Rabbani traded Afghanistan early Thursday in down on one side to Talchan-

The Taleban and presidential forces traded artillery fire in a security forces had fired shots and bealth. (Reuters, AFP) The heavy weapons duel battle for control of the strategic

came as forces belonging to the Uzbek general Abdul Rashid as a rolling ridgeline south of tions of Kabul during the secimportant because they look coorrolled areas and on the other side to areas held by presidential forces.

> had abandoned his post near the Afghan capital for a payoff itary base. The base in Charasyab, 25

of Mr. Rabbani. Though shaken ing range of the capital. by the loss of Charasyab, the Relief workers in Kabul reby the loss of Charasyab, the tack on the base.

Rockets launched by rebels lamabad. pounded the Afghan capital early Thursday, and opposition Pakistan on Thursday of help-gunmen battled government ing the Taleban militia and troops on the perimeter of the asked neighboring countries to

Mr. Rabbani's forces.

Government forces responded to Taleban rocket fire, sending dozens of rockets into rebelheld territory An Afghan Defense Ministry spokesman said Thursday that a senior battlefield commander resentatives in Kabul said.

Though relatively new to Afghanistan's victous civil war, from the Taleban forces, allow-ing them to capture a key mil-become one of the chief threats to Rabbani's government.

In their latest attack on Kabkilometers (15 miles) south of ul, Taleban fighters quickly re-Kabul, was overrun Wednes- captured ground lost in March, day by Taleban gunmen who again placing their heavy arwant to topple the government tillery and mortars within strik-

government expressed confi-dence in a planned counterat-out the night, a UN spokesman said in the Pakistani capital, Is-

In New Delhi, India accused help stop the conflict.

(AFP, AP, Reiders)

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Refugees Riot in Hong Kong

HONG KONG — Policemen firing tear gas stormed a refugee camp Thursday to quell a riot by Vietnamese resisting moves to send them home, the authorities said.

Fourteen police and prison officers were injured Wednesday night and Thursday as they battled rock-throwing refugees, the government said. It did not say whether any Viemamese had been burt.

Lawmakers in Hong Kong's legislature demanded that Governor Chris Panen explain how he can meet bis commitment to repatriate Hong Kong's 21,000 Vietnamese be-

fore China takes over the British colony in 1997. Mr. Patten again blamed resettlement proposals in the U.S. Congress, saying that they kindled false hopes that the Vietnamese will be permitted to go to America.

The unrest at the High Island camp broke out Wednesday night, the eve of an operation to move 163 inmates to a prison before flying them bome in two groups on Oct. 17 and 24, officials said.

Seoul and U.S. Plan Exercises

SEOUL - The United States and South Korea, which earlier agreed to scrap their 1995 Team Spirit war games as a gesture of peace to North Korea, said Thursday they would

hold a different monthlong joint military exercise.

The U.S. command said in a statement that the combined field training exercise, code-named Foal Eagle, would be held from Friday until Nov. 17. (Reuters)

Tokyo Moves to Mollify Okinawa

TOKYO - Japan's prime minister moved to avert a showdown with the Okinawa governor over U.S. military bases Thursday by promising to send his defense minister there. Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama will send Defense Minister Seishiro Eto to Okinawa to persuade the governor to drop his refusal to authorize land leases between Tokyo and

the U.S. military. Last month, Okinawa's governor, Masahide Ota, stopped helping the central government seek extended land leases for U.S. bases, a decision that enjoys strong local support in the wake of the Sept. 4 rape of a 12-year-old schonlgirl. Japan has indicted three U.S. servicemen in the abduction and rape case.

VOICES From Asia

They are to be tried by civilian authorities.

Ali Alatas, Indonesia's foreign minister, welcoming a decision by Australia not to grant political asylum to 50 East Timorese refugees: "If it is true, theo we welcome it because it has always been our basic position that there is no ground really for these people to be granted refugee status because we believe the internationally accepted conditions for granting refugee status are absent.

Sadao Kijima, vice president of Japan's Central Research Institute of Electric Power Industries, saying world electricity demand could be met solely by nuclear power by the middle of the next century if fossil-fuel powered generators are replaced by fast-breeder reactors: "Oil and gas resources, which are estimated to be exhausted by the middle of the 21st century, can be replaced by FBR-based nuclear power if it is introduced aggressively on a global scale from the year

Carleton Swift Jr., 76, one of six former U.S. secret operatives who began a return visit to Vietnam on Thursday, 50 years after they first arrived oo an abortive mission aimed at establishing a relationship with Vietnam's revolutionary leader Ho Chi Minh: "It's the most remarkable thing to me that the people we burt so much invited us back," (Reuters)

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KARACHI, Pakistan — A strike by the ethnic Muhajir NaMuhajir to resume immediately during searches for weapons

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group to return to peace talks.

The police said at least three people were killed and form people were killed and four vehicles set on fire in the southern "Political agree "Political agreement can be reached in a week provided they end terrorism," he said,

referring to the Muhajir. "If terrorism is stopped for three months, we can hold local bod-ies' elections in Karachi." Mr. Khan said he was ready

to discuss issues raised in a letter from Mr. Dehlavi, including The government's chief ne- a demand by the Muhajir that police custody in Karachi on the Karachi Stock Exchange.

Gunfire crackled through

ing as the group's militants made sure that Pakistan's industrial and commercial center came to a standstill.

force patrolling the city of 12 ing at least six on Wednesday

called its 17th strike this year to

protest what it said was the

murder of four of its activists in

empty streets in Muhajir ing a Muhajir militant known as strongholds early in the morn-Fahim Commando, as they

paramilitary rangers were out in ablaze on Thursday after torch-

The police say Muhajir gun-men shot the four men, includ-

Fahim Commando, as they were taking the police to an alleged Muhajir hideout in Nazimabad District. Fire department officials said Witnesses said the police and militants had set three vehicles

night in an apparent warning to The Muhajir Movement people to stay at home. Traffic was thin. Shops, businesses, schools and banks were shut and there was no trading at

Japan's Chief 'Regrets' Korea Remark

TOKYO — Prime Minister Tomiichi leashed a storm of criticism from both North and South Korea. The prime minister remarks and urged Japan to change its

"I regret that my remarks created a stir," said Mr. Murayama, who had declared that the 1910 treaty in which Japan annexed Korea had been legally carried out and was valid considering the political circumstances at the time.

"We have to bonestly reflect on the past," he said. "As I said before, we want to further improve Japan-South Korea re-

from his remarks to Parliament, which un-

South Korea immediately protested that

Mr. Murayama was wrong and passions have been mounting since.

The dispute escalated Wednesday when several top officials in Japan, including the government's chief spokesman, said they

agreed with Mr. Murayama. There were demonstrations outside the Japanese Embassy in Seoul on Thursday after South Korea's foreign minister, Gong lations and take a future-oriented atti- Ro Myung, summoned Japan's ambassador, Yamashita Shintaro, to lodge an But Mr. Murayama did not back down official protest over the Japanese com-

Murayama expressed "regret" Thursday told the upper house that the 1910 treaty vicw, Foreign Ministry officials said. Mr. over remarks he made about Japan's annexation of Korea, but he did not retract under which Japan took over the Korean peninsula until 1945 had been legal. vey Seoul's regret to Tokyo, they said.

South Korea's ambassador in Tokyo also made a protest to the Japanese Foreign. Ministry, and South Korean lawmakers who belong to a friendship association with Japanese legislators denounced Mr. Murayama's statements about the treaty, call-

ing them "absurd." Although the annexation treaty was signed by a Korean prime minister - who was a Japanese puppet - historians, even in Japan, are virtually unanimous that it was forced on the Korean people by the Japanese armed forces.. (AFP, Reuters)



BERLIN - Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel of Germany said Thursday that Paris and Bonn remained on the same wavelength about European integration but stressed Germaoy's tough line on European monetary union.

Io a speech here mapping out German foreign policy goals Mr. Kinkel dismissed the ootioo that Germany and France had diverged on European poli-

"The Franco-German engine is oot spluttering," be said.
"Just as before, on both sides of the Rhine we know partnership with our neighbors is in Europe's and our own vital inter-

Some analysts bave expressed doubts about whether President Jacques Chirae, a Gaullist, is as favorable toward European integration as was his Socialist predecessor, François Mitterrand.

Mr. Kinkel assured his audience, made up of members of the German Foreign Policy Society, that Bonn would push for a common European foreign and security policy at the European intergovernmental conference next year.

The governmental conference must do for foreign and security policy what Maastricht did for Ecocomie and Mone-

tary Union," he said. The 1991 Maastrieht conference laid out a timetable for the move to monetary union, set budget goals for EU member states and set 1999 as the latest date to introduce a single currency. Mr. Kinkel said that when

monetary union was achieved it would make European integra-tion irreversible. "This makes it all the more important that preparations for this step be absolutely watertight," he said.

Some ecocomists have voiced scepticism about whether France will be able to meet the criteria in time, saying Presi-dent Chirac's pledge to make the fight against unemployment his top priority is incompatible with the budget goals outlined by Maastricht.

At Tory Conference, a Lonely EU Plea

BLACKPOOL, England -Britain's European Unioo trade commissioner, Sir Leon Brittan, warned the Conservative Party oo Thursday that it would lose the next election if it turned "Euro-bashing" into

a oational sport.
In an explicit rebuke of "Euroskeptics" who cheered a virulently nationalist speech earlier in the week by the de-fense secretary, Michael Por-tillo, Sir Leoo said it was time to stop looking at Europe as if it was an invader to be kept at

Those in the Conservative Party who think we can win the next general election by swinging away from Europe should think again," Sir Leon, a former Conservative cabinet minister, said at a meeting oo the fringes of the party's an-

The fact that the opposition Labor Party enjoys a poll lead of about 30 percentage points is "hardly because he has espoused an aoti-European agenda," be said. In an earlier radio inter-

view, Sir Leoo was eveo sharper about Mr. Portillo. saying: "He has gone too far. He has gone over the top. "He has damaged the image of the Conservative party and

he has actually damaged him-

In his speech, Sir Leoo said it was time for Britain to face its future in Europe with confidence because on a range of issues from free trade to cutting red tape, the tide in the Union had turned in its direc-

Britain bad to stay at the heart of Europe, Sir Leon said. His comment was in contrast to that of Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind, who said Tuesday that it was better to surrender influence rather than harm the national interest by agreeing to damaging EU policies.

"We can only hope to have that influence if we are positive in our approach to Europe," Sir Leon warned. "We will never bave that influence if Euro-bashing becomes our national sport. And we will be the losers.

His attack followed angry outbursts by Jacques Santer. the president of the European



Mr. Major welcoming his predecessor, Lady Thatcher, to the conference.

Commission, and Conservarive members of Parliament on the left wing of the party over Mr. Portillo's speech.

Mr. Santer, without men-tioning Mr. Portillo by name, described anti-European ti-rades by politicians as "gro-tesque." A former Conservative minister, Edwina Currie, described Mr. Portillo's speech as "irresponsible" and potentially offensive. The effect of the backlash

on Mr. Portillo - he is beloved by the Conservatives' right wing and often considered a future party leader—is still unclear, but the bickering could damage Prime Minister John Major's efforts to portray the governing party as newly united. With Labor beginning an

offensive over Europe, portraying themselves as pro-European but mindful of British interests, left-wing Conservatives feel that a shift to the right on Europe by the governing party could be fatal in Mr. Clarke acknowledged erning party could be fatal in

an election due by May 1997. Mr. Major will speak at the party conference Friday. His chancellor of the Exchequer, Kenneth Clarke, hinted at tax cuts in his speech Thursday and said policy changes were oecessary. Margaret Thatcher, the for-

mer prime minister who set the Conservatives on a taxcutting program 16 years ago. thunderous applause for Mr. Clarke.

"Uoder Margaret Thatcher, we dragged Britain off its knees," said Mr. Clarke. "Before we Tories came in to clear up the mess, Britain was the only banana republic in the world that did not grow ha-

While Mr. Clarke gave no specifics, he raised hopes among some activists of tax

that his economie program in the past two years, including an 8 percent increase in fuels

tax and a raft of other indirect

taxes, have burt Mr. Major's administration. "But good governments have to take such decisions," Mr. Clarke said. He said be understood that many of his listeners felt "the time has

"I can't tell you what is going to be in my budget," be added. "But I can tell you this - it will be a hudget I am looking forward to a lot more than the last two.

come for some reward in the

"It will be a hudget that addresses middle England." which he defined as "our people who take responsibility for themselves and their fam-(Reuters, AP)

Coalition In Austria Collapses On Budget

The Associated Press

VIENNA - Austria's yearold governing coalition col-lapsed Thursday in disagreement over the country's 1996 budget, and new elections were expected by year's end.

Last-minute budget talks between Chancellor Franz Vranitzky, a Social Democrat, and Vice Chaocellor Wolfgaog Schussel of the cooservative People's Party broke dowo overnight.

Parliament will vote to dis-solve itself Friday and new electioos are likely by Dec. 17, said Andreas Khol, parliameotary head of the People's Party.

The People's Party, the junior coalition partner, charged that the Social Democrats wanted to rely too much on new taxes to reduce the 1996 budget deficit instead of cutting into the country's generous social safety oet.

"The only consequence of the collapse of the partnership is new elections." Mr. Schüssel said at a oews conference.

Both parties lost ground badly in the last elections, in October 1994. A oew poll could ben-efit Austria's right-wiog populist Jorg Haider, who campaigns on anti-corruption, and anti-foreigner sentiment.

Mr. Haider's views that the two governing parties are hopelessly corrupt and out of touch have struck a chord with disenchanted voters.

The coalition of Austria's two mainstream post-war parties oversaw the country's admission to the European Union on Jan. 1. But it could not overcome what Mr. Schüssel called a "fundamental battle over direction" of the country.

He charged that the Social Democrats wanted to close the budget deficit with about 30 billico schillings (\$3 billion) of new taxes and only 8 billion to 10 billion schillings of budget

Mr. Vranitzky said the con-servative People's Party would have to answer for its "flight from responsibility" less than a year after the government took

BRIEFLY EUROPE

Turks in Solingen Await Verdict

BONN - Turkish community leaders in the German town of Solingen called Thursday for restraint a day before a court was to pass judgment on four youths accused of murdering five Turks in the city in 1993.

"Even if the accused youths are acquitted, this will be accepted," they said in a statement distributed on leaflets around the town and posted in mosques. "Solingen's Turkish

societies respect German justice."

After an 18-month trial, Düsseldorf's higher regional court will deliver its verdict Friday on the defendants, who are accused of murder, attempted murder and arson, (Reuters)

Chirac Visits Tense Lyon Suburb

VAULX-EN-VELIN, France — President Jacques Chirae made an unannounced visit Thursday to this suburb of Lyon. where tensions have been high since the police killed a

hombing suspect who grew up there.

Mr. Chirac participated in a roundtable discussion with local political and religious leaders oo urban problems and immigration during his afternoon visit to the heavily immigrant, working-class town.

"Our youth is desperate and it is very positive that the presideot came," said Rabhat Khelif, who manages the Lyon

U.S. Journalist on Trial in Turkey

ISTANBUL - A court refused Thursday to drop charges against an American journalist accused of inciting racial batted among the country's Turkish and Kurdish popula-

The journalist. Aliza Marcus, 33, a correspondent for Reuters, has been ebarged for an article published in November by the pro-Kurdish daily Ozgur Ulke. If convicted, she

could face a maximum three-year sentence.

She told the State Security Court that the article, "The Army's Target: Kurdish Villages," was based on information she gathered during a visit to Diyarbakir in southeastern

Swiss Study Cites Far-Right Threat

BERN - Right-wing extremists are still a potential danger to democracy in Switzerland despite a decline in acts of violence since 1991, according to a report commissioned by the government and released Thursday.

The study of Swiss far-right groups since 1980 cooeluded that violence-prone skinheads and radical rightists are active and elosely linked with ideological comrades in Germany and

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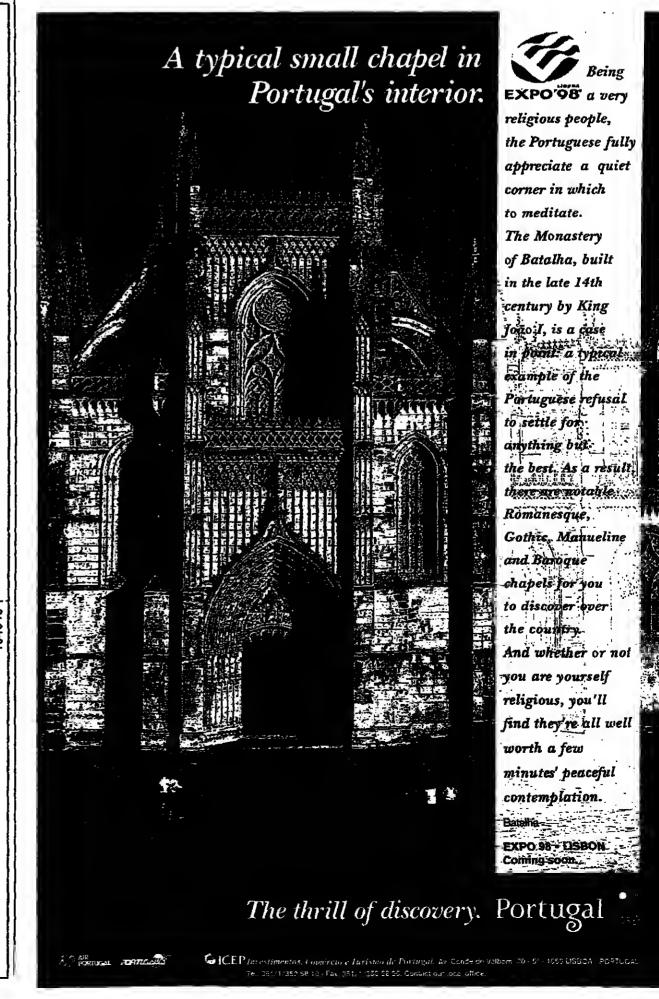
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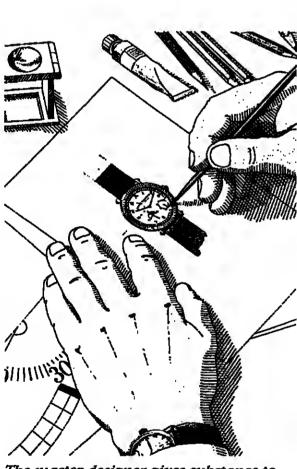
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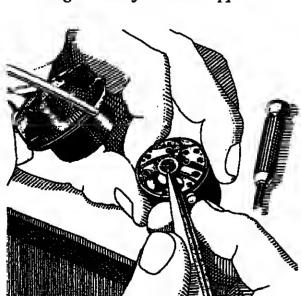
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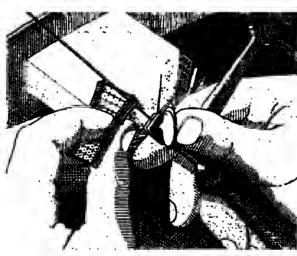
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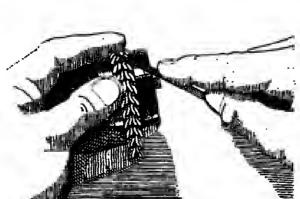
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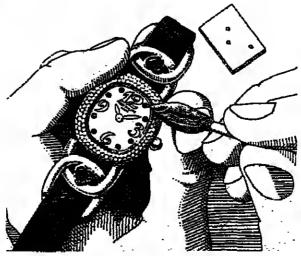
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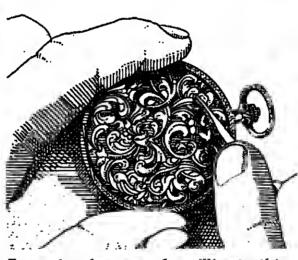
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Loss of Immunity **Looms for Claes**

Parliament Is Expected To Grant Court's Request

By Tom Buerkle International Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS — Secretary-General Willy Claes of NATO strongly rejected on Thursday allegations that he had taken part in a military bribery scandal, but Belgian political sources predicted that Parliament would quickly refer his case to the country's highest

court for further investigation. NATO officials said the alliance's 16 members would stand by Mr. Claes as long as he was not formally accused of wrongdoing, but they acknowl-edged that the affair could weaken his political support if it

drags on for long.
There's a lot of interest and concern about it," a spokeswoman for the U.S. delegation

Talking with reporters outside alliance headquarters here, Mr. Claes reaffirmed his innocence and rejected as circumstantial the accusations of the Cour de Cassation.

liament to lift Mr. Claes's im- keep the investigation going bemunity so it can indict him for cause of widespread concerns corruption and fraud in con- about poliocal corruption. nection with payments made to Mr. Claes's Socialist Party by two companies. Agusta of Italy and Dassault of France, after they won military contracts in

do with things which are unacceptable and undefendable.' Mr. Claes said. He dismissed the court's report to Parliament on the affair, saying, "There is no fact. There are only so-called

indications."
When asked if he would consider resigning as head of the North Atlantic Treaty Organi-zation, he responded: "We will come to that later."

Mr. Claes was scheduled to make his case in person before a special parliamentary committee Friday that is reviewing the court's request, but some committee members appeared to have made up dieir minds al-

There is enough proof that falsified documents," Gerols Annemans, a committee member from the far-right Vlaams Blok, said of Mr. Claes in an interview.

make a recommendation this weekend so the full Chamber of Representatives can vote on the matter next week. Most political The high court has asked Par- observers expect the chamber to

'No deputy dares to say no," said a senior politician, who spoke on condition of

But just bow Parliament will keep the case open, and what "I have never had anything to impact its decision will have on



The committee hopes to Mr. Claes leaving NATO headquarters un Thursday.

clear. In an opinion tacitly endorsed by most government of-ficials, Justice Minister Stefaan de Clercke said Sunday that Parliament could simply refer the cases of Mr. Claes and Guy Coeme, a former defense minister who is also under scrutiny, back to the high court for further in-

Under this interpretation, the liament's permission in the fu- Velu said Thursday.

Mr. Claes's future, remained unture if it wanted to indict Mr.

But Attorney General Jacques Velu appeared to rule that option out Wednesday. He told the parliamentary committee that it could use the term referral for the "psychological comfort" of Mr. Claes and Mr. Coeme, but that the decision would be tan-

tamount to an indictment. 'There is oo legal differcourt would have to seek Par- ence," a spokesman for Mr.

UN Talks on Banning Land Mines Fail mines protocol to cover internal have stockpiles of cheap anti- egates from developing counconflicts as well as wars be-

By Christopher Wren New York Times Service

UNITED NATIONS, New York — An attempt sponsored by the United Nations to halt the proliferation of land mines, which kill or maim more than

20,000 people a year, foundered Thursday after China and a few other countries refused to accept restrictions on the manufacture and use of

Al a conference in Vienna, dozens of countries have been reviewing an international convention in 1980 that imposes controls on some types of mines and other weapons. With no new progress on land mines after nearly three weeks of debate, the conference president, Johan Molander, asked the delegates to convene again in Geneva from Dec. 10 10 20.

'The conference has self-destructed, with a 100 percent failure rate, said Jody Williams, the coordinator of the International Campaign to Ban Land Mines, an alliance of more than 350 humanitarian and human rights groups in several dozen countries.

Speaking by telephone from the Vienna conference, she said. 'Everybody here has an issue

they're trying to protect."
The 1980 convention has been ratified by 52 countries, which were represented along with as many as 40 others as observers. Because all decisions must be reached by consensus, China, a leading pro-ducer and exporter of land mines, has an effective veto over restrictions proposed by other nations. Various points of China's oppositioo were supported by India, Pakistan, Iran

and Russia, participants said. The Chinese delegate, Li
Chenghe, while maintaining that
his government supports tougher
controls, also told the delegates,
"It is a legitimate right for all
states to use mines to fight

gainst foreign aggressors."
The conference's only success has been the creation of a new protocol prohibiting laser weapons designed to blind the enemy. The United States is the foremost developer of laser weapons. A) its insistence, the wording of the protocol was changed to leave room for rangefinding and targeting lasers, which can also damage the

To salvage some compro-mise on land mines, Mr. Molan-

Roxanne Loses A Bit of Punch

The Associated Press MEXICO CITY - Downgraded from a hurricane, the tropical storm Roxanne punished Mexico's southern Gulf coast with torrential rains and surging tides Thursday, flooding towns and wrecking crops.
Roxanne was the 10th hurricane of the season wheo it roared over the Yucatan Penin-

and mudslides rose.

ernment accounts. sula this week with 110 mile an hour winds. But even as it lost its punch, the threat of floods

The compromise would still

phase out its supply.

The United States, which ban mines with low metal content, which makes them harder to detect, and impose controls on mines that are remotely delivered, such as by aircraft or artillery. It omitted thornier issues like verification mechanisms. But the delegates could not even agree on this weaker package. The majority of countries are willing to ban mines containing less than eight grams of metal.

as \$2 or \$3 to produce, making the newer mines unattractive to poorer countries.

But China and India, which

plained that it needed time to

supports an eventual elimina- afford. tion of all land mines, has proposed switching to so-called 'smart' mines that self-destruct after a set period. Such mines are costlier than a simple plastic mine that costs as little clear.

The Chinese and other del-

personnel mines, balked at ban-tries accused the United States of ning them, though India ex- trying to impose its technological superiority on them by limiting land mines to more sophisticated models that they cannot

> China and Russia also rejected a proposed ban on anti-handling devices, which set off mines if they are lifted or tilted. making them dangerous to

> As many as 110 million land mines are buried in 64 countries, the United Nations has

Rabin Says Far-Right Foes Are Trying to Incite Israelis

JERUSALEM - Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Rabin, Foreign Minister Shi-Thursday that he was con-cerned about growing political violence in Israel, which is bitterly divided over his govern-

tween countries.

ment's peace policies.

Mr. Rabin and his cabinet ministers have been cursed. shouted down and even jostled by demonstrators recently.

During an appearance this week, Mr. Rabin was booed and for minutes was kept from speaking. A minister was accosted during a religious cer-emony at the Western Wall and

called a "traitor."
The prime minister blamed the far-right opposition parties. saying they have been inciting Israelis against him and his cabinet in an effort to hall the peace

the number of guards for Mr. mon Peres and other cabinet ministers has been increased, a security official said Thursday, speaking oo condition of anonymity.
Israel TV said Wednesday

that Mr. Rabin canceled a visit to festivities of a Kurdish Jewish community for fear of disrupoons. But Mr. Rabin's spokeswoman, Aliza Goren, denied the report, saying the need to hold urgent consultations forced him to cancel, the

newspaper Ma'ariv said. Mr. Rabin said Thursday that he was worried the heckling would lead to physical assaults.

"I am concerned in general, but not about me personally, the prime minister said on Is-

of verbal violence, which has led to actual violence."

In another development related to the peace process, the Islamic militant group Hamas denied Thursday that it had decided to take part in Palestinian elections in the West Bank and Gaza.

It said it remained opposed to the accord signed by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization in Oslo in 1993, which introduced Palestinian self-rule to Gaza and Jericho, and to the agreement signed in Washington last month to expand autonomy to most of the West

"We reject participation in these elections and this decision remains valid up to this moment," said Ibrahim Ghosheh, raeli Army radio. "The prob- a spokesman, (AP, Reuters)

> Iraq Denies It Hid Arms Work

In Bosnian War, a Skirmish Over Peace

moves tentatively toward resolution, a dispute is emerging between Britain and France over who should be host to a conference to seal its end.

Barely hours after the latest cease-fire "took effect Wednesday night, diplomats in who will win the limelight that will accompany the signature of a peace agree-

In principle, Paris has been designated as the site of ceremonies marking the end of Europe's worst conflict since World War

fighting, both diplomatically and in terms and the status of eastern Slavonia. of peacekeepers, makes it the obvious choice, according to diplomatic sources. But the British are not so sure. They have proposed holding a conference in Londoo before the one in Paris.

Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind said this week that a meeting on implementing peace in Bosnia would be held before the Paris ceremonies. He told a Conservative Party conference that the meeting would be scheduled before a "final seal" was placed on a peace accord.

This will ensure that when the ink dries on the peace treaty, the peace implementation force, the reconstruction agencies and those who will supervise the elections can get on with their work immediately."

Paris is making it quite clear, however, that it will not tolerate a London conference in the former Yugoslavia, has some justification for its demands.

'We understand that our British friends are vexed," the source continued, "But Paris and London were wrangling over there cannot be two peace conferences in two different countries. We are ready to discuss with them a London conference on reconstruction.

> ■ Some Concrete Problems Elaine Sciolino of The New York Times reported from Woshington:

> The problem for U.S. officials strug-

gling to end the four-year war in Bosnia is A Diplomatic Mission

To Aid Downed Pilots Charette of France will visit Belgrade this the media out. week to discuss the fate of two French pilots held by the Bosnian Serbs, Defense

Minister Charles Millon has revealed. Mr. Millon said in an interview published Thursday by the newspaper Libération that Mr. de Charette would seek information on the pilots, guarantees for their safety and contacts with their captors.

The pilots' Mirage-2000 fighter-bomber was shot down over Bosnia on Aug. 30.

Agence France-Presse of whatever nature before its own meeting. how to bouse, feed, entertain and contain PARIS — As the long conflict in Bosnia Still, said a French diplomatic source, Paris the presidents of Serbia, Croatia and understands that Britain, with the second-largest contingent of United Nations troops

Bosnia — and presumably their wives, advisers, personal physicians and cooks as they talk about peace.

The requirements for the site of the peace talks, scheduled to start Oct. 31, are manifold.

The site must be close enough to Washington so that Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, and maybe even President Bill Clinton, can get there by helicopter, if they chose, for a visit and a group photo.

But it cannot be so close that it appears that President Clinton is running the show or that he is responsible for the outcome of

It must be large enough to accommodate perhaps more than 200 guests - not only the three Balkan delegations but also entourages from France, Britain, Germany.

Russia and the European Union.

But it must also be flexible enough to provide the three presidents with separate but equal quarters.

Most important, the site must be remote PARIS - Foreign Minister Hervé de enough to keep the delegates fenced in and

Asked about the site at the State Department's daily briefing Tuesday, the de-partment spokesman, Nicholas Burns, sounded flummoxed.

"It's going to be on the East Coast of the United States," he said. "We know that. How's that? That's a good start." A logical choice would seem to be Camp

David, the presidential retreat in Maryland. No way, Mr. Burns said.

Vice President Flees **Arrest in Ecuador**

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica -The former vice president of had blackmailed the adminis-Ecuador, Alberto Dahik, fled the country to avoid arrest oo corruption charges and flew to Costa Rica, where he requested political asylum, officials said Thursday.

"The vice president of Ecuador, Alberto Dahik, prego Carreras, said.

Mr. Dahik fled Ecuador plane after the Supreme Court ordered his arrest on charges of

Ecuador's free-market reforms, resigned as vice president in a brief letter to the president of Ecuador's Congress.

Mr. Dahik has been accused depositing more than \$485,000 in public funds in his personal bank accounts. He has

Opposition congressmen al-so accused Mr. Dahik of bribing coming presidential election. legislators and judges with

Compiled by Our Staff From Oispatches money or jobs after he told journalists in June that lawmakers tration to get support for legislation. He did not name the people involved. Mr. Dahik has

denied wrongdoing.

Mr. Dahik called the criminal charges unconstitutional. arguing that proceedings could be initiated only after be was der, who is Swedish, offered a draft proposal that would expand the scope of the land deputy foreign minister, Rodri- Oct, 6 when his detractors could

not muster eoough votes. Wednesday night in a privale sage sent to Ecuadorean radio stations, "I have been the victim of political persecution.'

embezzling public funds. He said there was "a con-Mr. Dahik, the architect of spiracy that has been in the Taha Mohieddin Maarouf said works from various powers designed to worsen the institutional crisis that Ecuador has

been suffering." He said he feared "for the pbysical integrity of myself and for my family

Mr. Dahik has said the ac- 1991. denied the charges, saying the cusations were a political ploy money was put in secret gov- by opponents of the government of President Sixto Durán

BAGHDAD - Iraq's vice president on Thursday accused the United Nations' chief weapons inspector of lying when be said Iraq had misled the world about the wide scope

And Misled UN

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

of its weapons programs. Rolf Ekeus, the weapons inspector, said Wednesday that Iraq had tested toxins on animals and misled UN monitors about the size of its weapons ograms.

of muster eoough votes.

Mr. Dahik, 42, said in a mesbeing very helpful and coopcrating with the committee, on another he says Iraq is keeping secrets. There's contradiction in an interview Thursday.

"He's lying, you see, about this," Mr. Maarouf said. He said Baghdad had cooperated fully with United Nations weapons inspectors since it was ousted from Kuwait in

Mr. Maarouf was attending a ceremony at a monument for 20 schoolchildren reportedly killed when their school was hit by missiles in the 1980-88 Iran-(Reuters, AP) Iraq war. (AP, Reuters)

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Shame on London

reproach "For shame!" is warranted by the uproar in Britain over granting right of abode to British subjects in Hong Kong. The issue was reignited by Chris Patten, the colony's governor, when he said recently that 3.3 million holders of British passports should have the right, if they wished, to live in Britain after Hong Kong reverts to China in 1997.

That is not the view in Britain. The ruling Conservatives thought they had resolved the issue a few years ago by a dexterous stratagem. Hong Kong Chinese holding British passports were told that they were "BDTCs," or British De-pendent Territory Citizens, meaning that they could not live in Britain. When Hong Kong is returned to China, only 50,000 Hong Kong heads of household will be eligible for full British passports. Left abandoned are Hong Kong's mi-nority groups, chiefly East Indian, who are entitled to neither Chinese nor British

nationality. Britain's Labor opposition, for its part, struggled for loftier arguments in op-posing Mr. Patten. Hong Kong Chinese are at the end of a long queue, Laborites contend, and so should not be giveo preference over applicants from other former nonwhite colonies. This misses the point. Elsewhere, colonial status was replaced by independence and self-government. But in Hong Kong neither will

The old House of Commons cry of result, as a colony enjoying free speech and rule of law comes under a Communist regime whose future policies and leadership are uncertain.

In acquiring Hong Kong as a colony, Britain assumed a responsibility for its inhabitants, just as Portugal did in establishing a comparable nearby enclave at Macao in 1557. Macao will also be handed over to China, in 1999, but Portugal has wisely granted rights of im-migration to all its nationals, about 100,000 out of 467,000 residents.

The British retreat is plainly owed to fears of being swamped by Hong Kong Chinese after 1997. In reality, Britain ranks fourth or fifth as country of choice for resettlement, with Canada leading the list. Nobody sensibly expects a mass exodus to Britain from Hong Kong. which for 50 years after 1997 is to remain under its existing legal and economic system. Indeed, the more generous Britain's passport laws, the better the chances that China will booor its promises to treat Hong Kong decently, and the less likely a panicky flight. Restoring real citizenship rights to

British subjects in this last important colooy is virtually the only meaningful gift her majesty's government can be-stow unilaterally on Hong Kong, without Beijing's approval. Otherwise, more than a flag will be lowered come 1997.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Disentitlement

The Republicans say there are too many federal entitlements. When they are resting between speeches deonuncing budget cuts, a lot of Democrats will agree. Got to get rid of the things, they say — both parties — but they turn out not to mean it. Some entitlemeots they are against, but others they are for.

The ones they favor are the ones that benefit their friends. We have in mind particularly the farm price and income supports that neither agriculture committee has been able to muster the votes to dismantle, despite the urgings of their chairmen that they do so.
Welfare? Medicaid? Food stamps?

The votes exist in this Congress to toss all those aside; they are bad entitlements. But the farm programs are good entitiements. You can tell, if only by the fact that so large a share of the hillions of dollars in payments each year goes to the largest producers who are least in need.

The House Agriculture Committee was unable to produce any bill at all to fulfill its ohligations under the budget resolution of which the Republicans are so proud. Its chairman, Representative Pat Roberts, proposed a plan to kill the grain and cotton programs in their current form — but still guarantee producers declining payments over the next seven years in proportion to their past use of the programs. Not an entitlement, he said, just a seven-year contract between them and the taxpayers. We thought Mr.

Roberts moved in the right direction, but you could argue it the other way, that he offered the producers the best of all possible worlds: the appearance of reform

without the loss of a guaranteed income. It didn't matter, be couldn't get the votes anyway. He lost despite having the leadership on his side, and despite having given the sugar and peannt people on the committee exactly what they wanted; their grabby programs apparently will remain intact. The matter now goes to the Budget Committee, whose chairman, John Kasich, is disposed to do what the Agriculture Committee members would not. It will serve them right.

The outcome in the Senate was even less uplifting. Chairman Richard Lugar posed all the right questions about the programs early in the year, he was ready to do away with them. Lots of luck. The great reformers on the committee made the cuts they had to but preserved the essential features of all the programs, the most essential being, of course, their entitlement status

The only thing worse than the altogether beholden position of the resisting Republicans on these issues has been the even more craven position of the president and the Democrats, who, for fear of losing votes, aren't even for the cuts. What a principled bunch they all are, and then they wonder why people have lost respect for the legislative process. Why indeed?

—THE WASHINGTON POST.

Funny Lunch

The serious business of trying to make sure that poor children get a better and healthier school lunch has, despite its basic good sense, always skirted the dangers of faddishness. The government's efforts in this regard are hardly helped by the revelation that the Agriculture Department has paid the Walt Disney Company nearly half a million dollars to produce animal "spokestoons" lauding the benefits of good lunch nutrition, or that the public relations effort also extends to shirts with logos, gourmet menu cards and celebrity chef contributions.

We appreciate that it is hard to cajole kids into eating better — no parent would tell you differently. But, in all serious-ness, we wonder if any agency could be less well-suited to the task of making them do so.

It is not that the government school lunch programs — historically linked to the distribution of agricultural surplus supplies — didn't need a little rethinking. When the Clinton administration took over, longtime outside advocates of better nutrition in the program took it over. principle that the way to get kids to eat healthier food is to make the ealthier food is to make it taste good. Well, yes. But kids of elementary school or junior high school age are not exactly famous for their gourmet tastes; whatever their nutritional needs, they are likely to scoff at whatever is served, to reserve their affection for things like hamburgers and cheesehurgers, and to greet nearly anything new with cries of ourrage.

The Agriculture Department nutrition office has countered this law of social nature with what amounts to a program of concerted cheerleading. This approach

has attracted some Republican lawmakers' ire for philosophical reasons. But there are broader reasons for skepticism than merely ideological concerns about the reach of the federal government. For one, why should the stressed and strapped federal government feel the need to pay one of the world's most successful and well-heeled entertainment companies, the Walt Disney Company, \$400,000 for what amounts to a series of public service

ads with matchless visibility? And if kids don't want to eat their vegetables - or, in one of the new gourmet" versions, their rice pilaf with lentils and chickpeas — will it improve matters for the government to pay Disney to tell them to do it?

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

Murders All but Forgotten

The United States inherited the same English common law used in much of Asia, but this [O. J. Simpson] case featured such American legal innovations as live courtroom television coverage, lawyers giving daily press conferences and race-expert "jury consultants." Murder is the most serious crime of all, but somehow by the end the Simpson

case wasn't about the killings.

This case is a reminder of the fragility of legal systems, on which modern, complex societies so depend. Asian countries for the most part have legal systems that work, and streets that are safe.

— Far East Economic Review (Hong Kong).



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For China, Not Containment but True Integration

WASHINGTON — How does the United States see China and its armed forces as factors in the security environment of East Asia and how does

this affect U.S. policy judgments?

China is not only the most populous country in the world, with 1.2 billion people; it also has the largest standing army. Even after a 25 percent reduction in the late 1980s, it still has 3 million men and women under arms.

China is a nuclear power, and along with France is the only country in the world still testing ouclear weapons, to U.S. regret. China possesses ballistic missiles, including ones capable of reaching America. It is a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, with the rights and responsibilities that go with membership of that exclusive club. It has

major influence in regional conflicts.

And it has strong territorial concerns: for example, Taiwan, Hong Kong and the Spratly Islands (close to Southeast Asia in the South China Sea, where there are five other claimant states).

Such facts make China an extremely important and potentially difficult neigh-bor. How to integrate China into the rest of East Asia, not to mention the rest of the world, is a challenge that has preoccupied China's neighbors for generations.

As recently as 25 years ago, China was a revolutionary power bent on the sub-version of its non-Communist neighbors.

China's number one priority is economic development - its transformation into a wealthy nation.

Its size and power make its behavior and evolution a source of intense interest to all the countries of East Asia, and a focus of their international relations.

It is not just China's size and potential but some of its actions that have concerned its neighbors. China's military budget and strategic plans are largely opaque to the rest of the world because they are developed behind a cloak of secrecy. Under the control of civilian leadership. China has embarked on a modernization program in recent years to develop a more professional army and to upgrade in particular its air force and

China has sold technologies related to weapons of mass destruction, as well as missile delivery system technology, in sensitive regional hot spots. It has supported ouclear programs of concern in Pakistan and Iran.

By Winston Lord

The writer is U.S. assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs.

Extensive claims in the South China Sea have been backed up by construction of a military installation on Mischief Reef, less than 150 miles from the main Philippine islands. Of course, Beijing has oot been alone in staking a claim to the area. Despite its general support for a Com-

prehensive Test Ban Treaty, China has been slow in negotiating such a treaty while at the same time continuing nuclear testing. Its two recent military exercises. including missile firings, in the vicinity of Taiwan surely did not contribute to the regioo's sense of peace and stability.

Does this all mean that China is an aggressive power bent on dominating or threatening its neighbors, and that the prop-er response should be one of containment? In a word, no. The picture is much more complex than these troubling signs.

It is critically important, as we consider China's position from a security perspec-tive, to have a clear view of its own priorities. And its number one priority is economic development — its transformation from a poor developing country into a wealthy nation. This has been the driving idea dominating Chinese politics and Chinese life since the late 1970s when Deng Xiaoping threw out most of the reigning ideology and placed economic develop-ment at the top of China's agenda.

Its foreign policy since then has been a function of this domestic priority. China's development requires a peaceful inter-national environment, and this has been

Beijing's goal in the last 15 years.
In pursuit of this objective, China has abandoned support of revolutionary movements in neighboring countries and instead sought friendly relations with them. It has entered boundary negotiations with India and agreed to confidence-building measures along the Chinese-Indian frontier.

It has established diplomatic ties with South Korea, and this has been followed by a burgeoning commercial relationship with South Korean business, despite strong opposition from North Korea.

It has improved its relations with Vietnam, supported the peace settlement in Cambodia and allowed extensive trade and investment ties to develop with Taiwan.

Beijing has adopted policies designed to assure foreign businesspeople and leaders that China is stable domestically and averse to foreign adventure. The country needs international capital to fuel an annual growth rate exceeding 10 percent. Businesspeople do oot like war and instability. China understands this. After years of self-imposed isolation,

world exclusively on their own terms, most others have understood that extensive foreign interaction requires that global rules and disciplines be accepted. In trade, this has led to increasing conformity by China with international practices, and its membership in international trading and financial organizations.

There have been similar consequences

in the field of security. Of course, there is a long way to go in many of these areas. But there have been some encouraging signs in recent years.

China has supported the indefinite ex-tension of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. It has accepted increasingly strict parameters for sale of missiles, culminat

China will be a major world power in the coming century.

ing in October 1994 in agreement to refrain from selling missiles covered by the Missile Technology Control Regime. It has signed the Chemical Weapons Convention and indicated willingness to conclude a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

Earlier this year, China declared for the first time that it was prepared to use in-ternational law and the United Nations Law of the Sea Convention as a basis for resolving disputes over the Spratty Islands. although Beijing still lays claim to the islands. That statement, and China's willingness to negotiate with other claimants and pursue joint development projects prior to the resolution of competing territorial claims, have eased the tension created by the Mischief Reef installation.

China has concerns similar to those of the United States over the dangers of North Korea developing ouclear weapons. It has played a helpful sup-porting role as we have sought to defuse the tension created by Pyongyang's ou-

clear program.

How should the United States react in the face of this complex picture? We have shaped policies that we believe reflect a clear-eyed assessment of the opportunities and risks posed by China's emer-gence, Our fundamental policy in the security area is one of comprehensive engagement, consistent with our overall approach to China.

This is a commonsense approach that reflects America's national interest. It assumes neither Chinese aggressiveness nor Chinese benevolence. It means neither acquiescence in what we see as inappropriate actions by Beijing, nor attempts to isolate mittee on East Asian and Pacific affairs.

China has opened up to the outside world:

Although some Chinese wish to join the tainment would be a self-fulfilling prophetainment would be a self-fulfilling prophecy of munial enmity. And it would not be supported by our Asian partners.

The United States seeks to act in concert with China where we agree, to foster greater consensus where the picture is mixed, and to prevent or minimize con-

flict where we disagree. In the security field, the components of our policy include a program of military exchanges with China at various levels, a Joint Commission on Defense Conversion, dialogues on strategy and transparency, and ship visits. It also entails bilateral talks with Chinese civilian and military leaders on arms control issues, a dialogue Beijing has suspended but which we hope to resume shortly.

This dialogue is a centerpiece of a long-term effort to help bring China's leadership to an understanding of its own self-interest in making its international arms sale practices conform to world standards.

Another crucial component is integration of China into regional security forums and discussions. This is an approach have pursued with success in the ASEAN Regional Forum and the Northeast Asia Regional Security Dialogue, where we have urged confidence-building measures and greater transparency in strategic planning.

Such policies are designed to reinforce the insight that inspired Deng Xiaoping's decision in 1978 to break decisively with the policies of isolation and autarky of the Mao years. At its core was recognition of the need for China to live at peace with its neighbors, build up commercial relationships with them and the West, and alter the country's institutional and ideological landscape to gain the trust and cooperation of the international community.

The question is not whether China will be a major player in global as well as regional security affairs, but rather when and how. China's rapid economic development, and its growing military capabilities and international role, will make t a major power in the coming century.

The challenge we face is to assure that China develops as a global actor, it does so constructively, as a country integrated into international institutions and committed to practices enshrined in innational law.

This comment was adapted by the International Herald Tribune from testimony given by Mr. Lord on Wednesday before the Senate Foreign Relations Subcom-

In Poland, Changes Will Stick and Communists Are Pale Pink

WARSAW — Poland has a touch of campaign fever before presidential elections next mooth, and everybody is worried about something. But, as a former cabinet minister says, "Our wor-ries are the kind we dreamed of having four or five years ago The fact, if not the talk, is that

the country is definitely moving

Now the Poles are learning that being 'normal' isn't paradise.

forward, beyond the crossroads and assured of its new direction. The Polish economy is growing substantially and living standards are on the way up, although a lot of reforms are still needed. Politics are tangled, but parlia-mentary democracy is firmly established and there is no thought come in first in the first round.

A GANA, Guarn — Why is France testing its outlear

devices under an obscure atoll

halfway around the world from

Paris? Because it can. France can

put the lives of its Polynesian

people in jeopardy because it is a

colonial power with absolute

control over the approximately

200,000 French citizens living in

only look to another of its colonies, New Caledonia, for an

arena to explode nuclear devices

that the people of Paris would

never allow to be detonated any-

highlights two real problems

that need real solutions: (I) As

President Bill Clinton has pro-

posed, there should be an im-

mediate and absolute ban on all

nuclear testing, and (2) there

should be another cry, just as loud, for an end to absolute colo-

nial control by superpowers

Nuclear testing is not a horror

being practiced only by France.

China has also exploded de-

vices, but these tests did not

receive the worldwide outcry

the French Polynesian explo-

In any event, the issue of the

superpowers using their

colonies for their own interests

deserves equal billing with the

nuclear issue. No matter how

sion prompted.

over the islands they possess.

The ouclear testing actually

where close to their city.

the South Pacific paradise. If the heat gets too bad in French Polynesia, France need By Flora Lewis

of going back. Some say it will take 20 years to catch up with Western Europe, which is the goal, but the question is no longer whether Poland will make it.

The common phrase for the party and the people who ruled the country single-handed until 1989 (except for Soviet fingers on the strings) is the "post-Communists." That is somewhat misleading. They did surge back to win the largest block in the 1993 parliamentary elections, and their leader, Alexander Kwasniewski, under the new party label of Social Democrats, is ahead in the

presidential polls. But if some of the people who were Communists are back, communism certainly is not. The memory of revulsion is still strong enough that it will probably defeat Mr. Kwasniewski in the runoff, although he is bound to win enough to enter the finale and may

Let Our Islands Run Themselves

By Carl T. C. Gutierrez

much "paradise" you put into

the equation, use and misuse of island possessions by colonial

powers are still a violation of

I am the governor of an Amer-ican colony, Guam. We, like the people of French Polynesia,

have a great deal of our lives

controlled by our governing "benefactors." Unlike the Tahi-

tians, we do not have to deal with

the hillion-year "half-life" of nuclear testing. But we could.

The people of Guam live every

day with the realization that im-

portant decisions affecting their

lives are made in Washington.

Laws on shipping, endangered species, "land grabs," immigra-

tion immediation and exploitation

of our waters are all decisions in

which we cannot participate. In

fact, these decisions are made for

us without any semblance of a

only colony administered by the

United States. Puerto Rico, the

U.S. Virgin Islands, American

Samoa and the Marianas Islands

join Guam in the brotherhood of

American colonies. With the ex-

ception of Puerto Rico, we do not

expect two senators, a congress-

man and a vote in the electoral

college. We don't expect state-hood. We do expect and deserve

the right to self-determination,

Guarn, of course, is not the

democratic process.

basic human rights.

That is what President Lech Walesa is counting on for re-election, arguing that it takes his experience, his will to exercise even stronger power for five more ars to complete Poland's trans formation from communism.

He is not popular. His poll ratings were down to 6 percent a few mouths ago, but he is moving up now. In a confusing field of 17 candidates, he may still beat out the other strongest challenger, Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz, the politically inexperienced head of the central bank.

murky, with plenty of personality swipes. Everybody, including Mr. Kwasuiewski, insists that Poland must soon join NATO. Opposition to joining the European Union comes both from the hard-right xenophobic nationalists and the ex-Communists' allies, the Peasants' Party, but most are firmly in favor.

which would ensure that Guam

did not become another Mururoa,

Our people have asked Con-

gress to hold hearings on our

political status. We have had a

Commonwealth Draft Act beg-

ging for attention for nearly a decade but have yet to have our day in Congress. President Clinton has shown his support for Guam by appointing a series of commonwealth negotiators to

review the draft act and submit a

commitment and anticipate sub-

stantive action in the near future.

We hope members of Congress

will show the same kind of com-

mitment to the American cit-

izens living in Guam by listening

to our pleas for a voice in how

Two hundred and nineteen

years ago, the people living in the British colony of America threw off the yoke of imperial

rule. After nearly 100 years of

colonial rule by the United States. Guam is asking for the

same rights that the founding

fathers of the United States de-

manded. It is the basic right of

all people to have a say in how

their lives, and the lives of their

The writer, a Democrat, is

governor of Guam. He con-

tributed this comment to The

children, are lived.

Washington Post.

our islands will be governed.

We are encouraged by this

position to the president.

the site of French tests.

are most respected. Mrs. Gronkiewicz-Waltz is

story going the rounds quotes her as saying she never makes a central bank decision without conformit, more discreetly. sulting the Holy Ghost. But the hierarchy has given signals lately that it thinks Mr. Walesa has a better chance.

Although still disorganized, Polish politics are turning out not The issues tend to be shrill but so different from much of the West, including a widespread dis-trust and disdain for all politicians. Nobody ever said democracy was a patry-cake game.

The nasty, traditional streak of

anti-Semitism, so deeply imbedded, emerges along with other vile expressions now that anything can be said. There are hardly any Jews left in Poland, but calling somebody Jewish remains a way to smear. At a recent campaign meeting Mr. Kwasniewski was snidely asked. 'Is it true your mother is buried in a Jewish cemetery?" In fact, his mother was alive.

It is surprising that the Pope, who preaches tolerance, urges ecumenism and has recognized Israel, has done nothing visible to enlist the Polish church against anti-Semitism. He has great influence here, but he doesn't use it for that.

So some blights remain, but not really the Reds. Even General Wojciech Jaruzelski, Poland's

The underlying division is on last top Communist, told me: the role of the church, which remains strongly assertive although irreversible, and I say that as a it has lost much of its influence. It man of the old regime. There are has fallen well below the army in four established pillars: demopolls asking which institutions cracy, the market, the rule of law, and free speech.

Still stiff-backed and trim, he seen as very close to the church. A. thinks Poland is in too much of a

It is taking all of the countries which shook off communism from 1989 to 1991 much longer to remake themselves than was imagined in the initial euphoria. Even East Germany, with every conccivable advantage, has a struggle. Yet, while circumstances are different in each country, Poland shows that success isn't nearly such a poor bet as was imagined when the disappointment of in-

flated expectations set in. They all set out saying they wanted above all to become 'normal." Now they are learning that "normal" isn't paradise but it's a lot better than anything before. It could even go that way in Russia. Poland, for all its qualms and quarrels, gives good reason not to give up the hope.

C Flora Lewis.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Fake Dentists

ry William Browett, who combine the humble calling of hairdressers and barbers with the more pretentious profession of dentists. were brought up on a charge of attempting to obtain money by fraudulent means. The charge is that they suggested that teeth scaling and cleaning would materially improve the appearance of their subjects, mostly Americans, and having by specious pretexts obtained the consent of the said cus-tomers, they endeavored to extort occupation. He expected that any money from them.

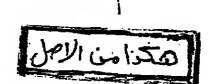
1920: Unfresh Bread

PARIS - Fresh bread in the tirely suppressing work at night in taken for granted.

bakeries. It advises the unions to ask the public to abstain from buy-LONDON — Two enterprising ing bread very early in the morning, and to assure its supply the preceding evening, so as to boycott bakeries where nightwork continues. The master bakers have decided to raise the price of the "croissants," and henceforth those little morcels of savory bread will cost 25c each.

1945: No Nazi to Vote FRANKFURT - General Dwight D. Eisenhower announced no Nazi

one who succeeds him will follow the same course as the only possible decision which can be taken under the declaration to eliminate Nazism from Germany. The demorning may soon be a thing of cision to disenfranchise Nazis, he the past if the Federation of Almade clear, was not one which imentation has its way. It has sent followed deep study and examinstructions to the working bak-ers' unions with the object of en-



A New Ticket for U.S. Democrats: The Endangered Species List

WASHINGTON — You can't find them anywhere. You look in all the places they used to be and taverns, union halls, legislatures in the South, subdivisions

in Macomb County, Michigan. Democratus Americanis is vanishing from its natural habi-tats. It's the incredible shrink-

ing party.
Bill Clinton is acting so Republican, he now thinks he's the foreign policy president.
Stars like Sam Nunn and
Bill Bradley are bailing out.
The passionate voices of liberalism, Mario Cuomo, Jerry Brown and Jesse Jackson, are chat-show hosts. And a raft of other Democrats are retiring.

quitting and switching,
"Indeed, are we going to become the Whigs?" asks Pai
Moynthan, valiantly trying to
teach the Republican Visigoths table manners as they
"starve the beast" as he collestarve the beast, as he calls the rending of the safety oet.

It is not hard to imagine the party of the New Deal, New Frontier and Great Society dwindling to a single man who once thought darkening his eyebrows would help him become president.

There he would be, dutifully making the rounds of the Sunday talk shows - Richard Gephardt, lonely guy.

The rampant party-switching is like cross-dressing; It usually goes one way - 137 Democratic officeholders have switched to the Republican Party since Bill Clinton won the White House,

Eveo the swing vote is lopsided. There are Reagan Democrats, but where are the Clinion Republicans? (In the Oval Office?)

Democrats are running away from their own party like scalded dogs, 'says Haley Bar-bour, Republican Party chief. sells everything from Tanquer-ay gin to Cabbage Patch Kids dolls and who worked as a con-

Haley squeals like a stuck pig." says Don Fowler, a paign, praises the president as Democratic Party co-chairman. "a great product."

Acre Pale

By Maureen Dowd

"With any president, any product, you've got to be an-

themic to the times," he says. "I don't think he's changed in any

of his core values. If the tie he

wears and the rhetoric he uses is

more conservative, that's just

intelligent leadership and good

marketing. His views evolved. That's not being a chameleon.

That's being effective."
For '96, Mr. Deutsch adds.

the president should sell him-

self simply, "He should be

Ian Mitroff, who works with

companies in crisis, says a fail-ure to institute "damage con-

tainment mechanisms" can lead to "existential pitfall," the feel-

ing that all your fundamental

beliefs are becoming invalid.
The White House is counting

on comparative advertising for

'96, running as the Republicans

you can trust. Things have

come to a terrible pass when the

Democrats are secretly hoping

that the Republicans will make

the country worse so that the Democrats will look bener.

New York Times Service

real existential pitfall.

The worse the better. That's

very unmarketing.'

The president thinks he has a 'marketing'' problem, "I don't need more issues,"

he said. "I may need more slogans." Chris Dodd, the other Democratic Party chairman, was recently spotted on the New York-Washington air shuttle

going up to meet with Madison 'He should have been flying

to Lourdes," says Jerry Della Femina, the ad executive. Mr. Della Femina, a Republican, thinks the Democrats are in trouble because they do not have a unique selling proposition.

The product has to stand for something," he said. "And Clinion stands for everything, therefore he stands for nothing. The Democrats are going the way of Burma Shave and Crisco products everyone loved and had in their homes. But they got old. They didn't have anything new to say about the product and after awhile they died.

He says President Clinton has no secret ingredient: "You've tried him, and now you're shrug-

ging your shoulders."

Ed McCabe, the Madison Avenue wizard who had tough times on the Mike Dukakis media team in 1988, said it's very simple. "There are two things you can do: improve the product or change the image. From what I see of the Democratic Party, I'd say they have to improve the product. They have oo strong visionaries with a point of view that can control other points of view."

(You know you're in trouble when ad men are insisting on substance.)

Donny Deutsch, whose firm sultant for the '92 Clinton cam-

It's a Bird! It's a Plane! It's Your Congressman!

WASHINGTON — For those who think elected officials pay no anention to the public, consider Representative Steven Schiff, Republican of New Mexico, who cared enough to order a congressional investigation in-

oflying saucers.
"Frankly, I'll admit that before I sent the first letter" asking the Defense

MEANWHILE

Department for information, "I took a deep breath," Mr. Schiff said, "But I was responding to constituents; I think people have a right to information

from their government."
Mr. Schiff, who serves the high-tech research community around Albuquerque, began receiving letters in 1992 demanding information about the July 8, 1947. "Roswell Incident," in which the Army Air Corps reported the crash of a "flying disk" near Roswell, New Mexico, only to change its mind the following day, claiming the disk had really been a "weather balloon."

As most Americans now know from watching the "X-Files" and listening to the Montana Militia, almost everything the feds say is either a lie, a cover-up or a conspiracy orchestrated by the Bureau of Alcobol, Tobacco and

By Guy Gugliotta

Firearms; the United Nations; the Trilateral Commission, or the effete Eastern Establishment.

And when it comes to conspiracy, Roswell is the Rosetta stone. Figure out what happened there, and everything from space aliens in the Senate to Elvis sightings on Mars will suddenly make sense. In fact, there are those who think Roswell is the source of the alien senators. (Just kidding!)

Beginning in the mid-1980s. Mr. Schiff said, a number of new books and a cable television movie rekindled excitement about Roswell. The letters poured in, Mr. Schiff now believes, because of a 'coordinated write-to-Congress campaign," a relatively new pheoomeoon at the time.

For a few thousand hucks, any coocerned citizen can gin up an instant "grassroots" response — positive or negative, your choice — to anything from Medicare 10 peanul quotas. Flying saucers are child's play.

Anyway, Mr. Schiff said his mail

was evenly split between "those who clearly believed the [flying saucer] explanation was the truth, and those who simply didn't believe the Air Force." So Mr. Schiff wrote to then-Defense

ing if he could give him "the facts." Forget it. An Air Force colonel blew Mr. Schiff off in one sentence, advising him to check with the National Archives. The archives said they had no information.

"I was getting the runaround," Mr. Schiff said.

That was May 1993. A few months later, Mr. Schiff was chatting up officials from the General Accounting Office, the folks who do invesogations for Congress imo things such as child ahuse and international trade. He told them about "the cover-up at Roswell," he said. It wasn't urgent, but could they take a look at it?

They could and did, issuing their report this past July. They had found a July 1947 Roswell Army Air Field history report that noted how the base public affairs office had been kept busy answering inquiries on the 'flying disk." " which turned out to have been a radar tracking, or weather, balloon.

Says the Eighth Air Force high com-mand in Fort Worth, Texas. The GAO also found a teletype message from the FBI in Dallas to the FBI in Cincinnati Secretary Les Aspin in early 1993 asksaying the high command told the feds

that the object - "a hexagonalshaped disk suspended from a large balloon by cable "— was being sent to Air Materiel Command at what is now Wright Panerson Air Force Base in Ohio for examination.

And that was it. The National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis told the GAO that Roswell's administrative records and outgoing messages from 1947 'were destroyed' without ex-planation. The GAO also searched Air Materiel Command records for evidence of an investigation into the debris: "We found no records mentioning

the Roswell crash," the GAO said.

Suddenly, the Pentagon in mid-1994 issued a new "Report of Air Force Research Regarding the Roswell Incident." The crash, the report said, was "a balloon train" from "Project MOGUL," a super-secret effort to figure out whether the Soviets were conducting nucleur tests. Aha!

Except, of course, now that the Commies are gone, h's easier than ever to blame stuff on them. Just like the Pentagon to float a new canard while platoons of heavily armed Schwarzeneggerlike cyborgs are growing Cincinnati — the vanguard of the UN's New World Order, (Just kidding.)

The Washington Post.

"Who needs evidence? Everyone knows he did it!"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Iran Sentences

Regarding "Iran Imprisons
3 Women For Murders of 2 Pastors" (Oct. 5):

A crucial aspect of this saga has not been mentioned. Many international organizations, including the UN, Amnesty International and the Brush Parliamentary Human

Rights Group, have pointed to and condemned the direct involvement of the Iranian regime in the ministers' murders. In order to fully put your readers in the picture, this aspect of the saga needs to be ex-

plained. Furthermore, since the

article mentions the Iranian Mu-

jahidin, it is appropriate to point out that the Mujahidin have denied any links with the women. The Mujahidin have called on the Pope to arrange for a hearing in the Vatican in which international jurists, criminologists and representatives of the transan resistance would be present to bring out the truth about the repression of ethnic

minorities and the murder of

their leaders in — dieval dictatorship. H. ABEDINI. London.

True Majority

Regarding "Feeble Democrais Lei Republicans Grab the Center" (Opinion, Sept. 28) by €. J. Dienue Jr.:

Mr. Dionne states that the Democrats have failed to counter the political and legislatwo assault from the religious fight of the Republican Party.

But all those Americans outpreached by the likes of the Christian Coalition do not idenlify with the Democratic Party. Like Democrats, many moderate Republicans and indepen-

dents oppose the far right; but these three diverse groups have no common political bome. Corral all these into one po-

litical arena and the true majority appears. The religious right would then fall into a more accurate classification: a fringe, extremisi group representing a small, zealous minority. KAREN BERGAN.

Costly Cathedral

Regarding "Far Mascow, a Cathedral Rises, but to Which Deiry?" (Sept. 271: In 1917, there were at least

1,000 churches in Moscow. By mid-1987, that number was reduced by Communism's atheistic philosophy to 46. Many were converted to storage faciliues. So why not reopen them instead of rebuilding the Cathedral of Christ the Savior for \$250 million? AL EBERHARDT.

Bangkok.

their leaders in tran by the me-

In the pantheon of Republican vice presidents, perhaps no figure stands out as vividly as Danforth Quayle, whose opposition to federal funding of the arts helped stem the subversion of America's traditional values by a cultural elite.

Quayle Indignities

The recent grant by the institute of Museum Services, a federal agency, for the founding of a Dan Quayle Center and Museum (People, Sept. 281, is an affront to Mr. Quayle's principles and stature, first because Mr. Quayle was fundamentally taged by the moral intolerance opposed to such funding, and second because the amount, \$8,485, is, as Mr. Quayle would

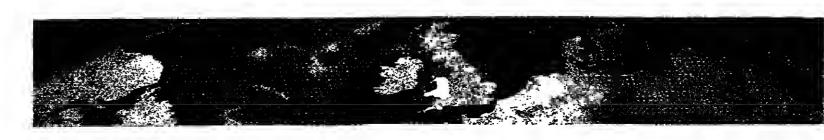
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DEVELOPMENT **AGENCY**

Cartagena's Musketeer Charm

By James Brooke New York Times Service

ARTAGENA, Colombia - After dining in the courtyard of a colonial mansion, couples at Bodegon de La Candelaria climb narrow stairs for rum drinks in a rooftop cupola. An aging Spanish Republican plays an accordion and sings of the old country, and a Caribbean breeze softly wafts through open windows and over a pensive audience sprawled on worn sofas. Beyond the windows, the roofs of Cartagena are illuminated in a yellowish glow — church towers pockmarked by cannon balls from pirate ships of long ago, sloping tile roofs of the 18th-century houses of colonial grandees

After 20-odd years of rambling around South America, I easily nominate this ancient Colombian seaport as my favorite port of call on the cononent. Many Americans would place a Colombian vacation on their list of holidays in hell. The State Department describes most of Colombia as "volatile and dangerous," recommending that visitors stay off back roads and limit their trips to Cartagena and a bandful of other tourist enclaves. But few Americans know that tourism is Colombia's third largest foreign exchange earner, after coffee and oil. The key is Cartagena — Colombia's most popular tourist destination, a tranquil jewel on the nation's 1,000-mile (1,600-kilometer) Caribbean coast,

While many Cartagena promoters put 'Colombia' in tiny print, the city's attractions lend themselves to bold face balmy weather, excellent seafood, 450 French and English pirates. years of history, interesting excursions, high quality shopping and personal safety that is no worse than in, say, San Juan. In a continent of street crime and monumental traffic jams, Cartagena, a city made for strolling, is a rarity.

As Colombians and foreigners buy vacation homes here, gentrification and historic preservation are making Cartagena's historic center the most expensive real estate market in Colombia. When I first visited here, as a high school student in 1973. Cartagena was a sensuous, decaying city - tropical poverty overlaid oo a glorious past. On my most recent visit, last February. I was folted to discover that two chic boutiques — a jewelry store (Cano) and a leather store (Marroquinaria) — have out-

lets in Manhattan's Trump Tower. But in a city of 800,000 with 50 hotels and dozens of boarding houses, there is a Cartagena for every budget. With planning, the biggest expense can be the \$559 cost of a round-trip ticket on Avianca's daily, two-

By Michael Richardson

International Herald Tribune

reverential awe about the majesty of Mil-

ford Sound, one of several dozen fjords

carved out of the southwest coast of New

Zealand's South Island by thousands of

I had seeo photographs of the area that

were certainly spectacular. But the teacher was right. They did oot do Milford Sound full justice. Only when seeo by a visitor from water level can its astonishing scale

and grandeur really be appreciated.

Rudyard Kipling once described Milford Sound as the "eighth wonder of the

world," Several kilometers long and more

than 300 meters (1,000 feet) deep in most

places, it is flanked by mountains and cliffs, some of them up to 2,000 meters

years of glacial action.

ILFORD SOUND, New

Zealand - At school in Aus-

tralia, I had a geography teacb-

er who would speak in almost

Bogota costs as little as \$150 round trip.
With high temperatures ranging from 86
to 93 degrees Fahrenheii (30 to 34 Centilits three musketeer charm. grade), Cartagena's weather is a little drier and marginally cooler during high season, from mid-December to mid-April. Water pollution limits activity on the urban beaches to sun-bathing. For swimming, most visitors take excursion boats to the crystalline waters of Barú Island. Although every former Colombian president now seems to own an oceanfront apartment here, informality prevails during all seasons,

with shorts acceptable day and night.

Regularly scheduled festivals in the city include the International Film Festival in and massive defending walls that once broke the spirit of Britain's Royal Navy.

early March, the Fesoval of Caribbean Music in late March, the Miss Colombia beauty pageant in November and the Moonlit Jazz Fesoval in December.

For a first-time visitor, the best orientation is to take a late afternoon taxi ride up to La Popa, where a white-washed monastery stands atop the city's highest hill. Built in 1607, the monastery is worth a quick visit before the 5:30 P.M. closing time (\$1.10 entrance). Sunsets from this summit are spectacular, and a visitor, with map in hand, can use this vantage point to sort out Cartagena's confusing puzzle of lagoons, walls, forts, peninsulas, shantytowns, marinas and canals.

A little history helps one to understand why Colombians ofteo call Cartagena "Heroica." In 1533, almost a century be-With charter flights arriving here from fore the English Pilgrims arrived at Ply-Canada and Europe, foreigners now acmouth Rock, a Spaniard founded Carta-count for almost 40 percent of Cartagena's gena of the Indies, so named to ifferendate it from Spain's Mediterranean seaport. A decade later, a Freoch pirate, Robert Baal, looted gold bullion from the city, setting off two centuries of attacks by

"La pirata Drake," a tour guide hissed to me on my first visit, referring to a man I bad learned about in New England schools as Sir Francis Drake. Pirate or geotleman, Drake

looted and sacked Cartagena in 1586. In the Spanish colonial system, Cartagena was a central warehouse for most gold and silver extracted from the Andes. Here fleets of galleons would form for the trans-Atlantic crossing to Cádiz. Spain turned Cartagena into a South American Fort

The fish and chips chain Harry

Ramsden's is opening a museum in the English town where it all started, with a replica of the first sales "but" plus utensils and "memorabilia." The firm says the real Harry Ramsdeo, 74, will be consulted so that the decor of the but is just right.

New Zealand's Divine Sculptures

Forests of native beech and fern cling to the

sides of the less precipitous rock faces.
Cruise launches that ferry tourists through the sound actually nose right under

one of the highest permanent falls, dreoching passengers on the upper deck with fine

spray. The launch that took us on the two-

bour journey around the sound was es-

bour journey around the sound was escorted for part of the way by frolicking bottle-oosed dolphins.

The Maori, Polynesians who settled New Zealand loog before the arrival of Europeans, thought that the landscape had been sculpted by the gods. They trekked into Milford Sound to mine translucent

greenstone for sacred carvings at Anita

Bay oo ooe of the arms at the entrance of

the sound facing the ocean.

The first European to visit was John

Grono, captain of a seal hunting boat, who

early in the last century and named it Milford Haven after his birthplace in

Wales. The word haveo was later changed

around the peaks and waterfalls cascade itage listing. Getting there by bus or cartakes through any Air New Zealand office.

and-a-half-bour flight from Miami to Knox, guarded by a network of seven forts Cartagena. The 50-minute air shuttle from and defensive walls that average 40 feet high and 56 feet thick. Today, the ancient walls, forts and sentry boxes give the city

King Philip II, also known as "the Pru-'started construction of what became Spain's largest fort in the Americas, San Felipe. A masterpiece of Spanish colonial military engineering, the fort is fascinating to visit. Guides lead visitors through subterranean tunnels, showing secret communication systems and galleries used by sen-tries. Stair designs gave defenders firing angles that allowed them to shoot at invaders without being seen. The fort's ramparts, defended to this day by 18th-ceotury cannons, offer excellent views of the old walled city. Admission is \$4. In 1741, a British admiral, Edward Ver-

non, massed 186 ships, 3,000 cannons and 24,000 soldiers for an assault oo Cartagena that was designed to smash Spanish power in the Caribbean. One regiment was commanded by Lawrence Washington, a halfbrother to George. The Washington family was so enamored of Admiral Vernoo that they named their Virginia estate after him Mount Vernon.

OR his part, Admiral Vernoo was so confident of victory that he coined in advance commemorative medals showing the Spanish defender, General Blas de Lezo, kneeling before the British conqueror. Depicted with all his limbs intact, in reality, during the course of a long military career, this tough Spanish general had lost his left leg, his right arm and his right eye.

After taking La Popa convent, the British attacked San Felipe fortress by land. By the end of the day, they had lost 1,000 soldiers. With dysentery, malaria and yellow fever also ravaging the ranks, Admiral Vernon cut his losses and retreated. Never one to cower behind the lines, the Spanish general was wounded in his remaining leg, an injury that soon

After this stalwart defense, Caribbean buccaneers largely left Cartagena alone. Today, in froot of San Felipe, a bronze statue recalls the Spanish defender.

a decade ago, Unesco declared the city World Historic Patrimooy. Spanish colo-nial houses, casonas, with rust red, mustard yellow, deep green and sky blue exteriors have woodeo balconies, high ceilings and interior courtyards. A city that lends itself to evening strolls lends itself to pub crawling, although it is hard to beat the rooftop piano and accordion bar at Bodegón de la Candelaria. One favorite is Taberna La Quemada, on Calle de la Amargura, where Marlon Brando filmed scenes for "Torquemada" in 1968.

round resort town west of Milford Sound.

The journey there and back via Te Anau can

be done in a day, but it is a long one with a lot

The easiest and most spectacular way of

seeing the region is to fly into the sound (it has a small airstrip). I did it from Queens-

town where there are several flightseeing

tour operators at the airport, including Mount Cook Line, a unit of Air New Zealand. The whole journey, including the launch trip around Milford Sound, took

about six hours. On the way back, the plane

follows the course of the Milford Track,

one of New Zealand's best known and most

The key to a really enjoyable trip is to pick a fine day but that is not always pos-

sible. It rains frequently and hard in the area,

Also, watch out for sand flies in summer.

Their bites itch for days but can be avoided

by use of repellent. The cost of the flight and

Cootact Fiordland Travel in Queenstown (Tel: 64-3-442-7500. Fax: 64-3-442-7504)

ferry trip came to \$200 per person.

beautiful walking trails.



After exploring restored sections of Cartagena scenes: Cathedral tower, fruit seller on the beach. Paco's bar and seafood restaurant. Cartagena's old town it is easy to see wby,

GIIDE

How to Make **American Quilt**

Directed by Jocelyn Moorhouse. U.S.

There is a certain luxuriantly guilty pleasure to be had from a really extravagant junk-food binge and there are certain movies that have a classy façade but whose plot and script are, at heart, embarrassingly hackneyed. These films must either have some serendipitous saving grace, and this film is pretty much rescued by a cast displaying an almost shameless melodramatic abandon. Not since "The Women" has a movie boasted an all-star list this weighty. Anne Bancroft, Kate Nelligan, Jean Sim-mons, Lois Smith, Ellen Burstyn, Maya Angelou, Esther Rolle, Kate Capshaw and Winona Ryder. If you love those actresses, you'll probably love the film. Based oo a graduate thesis-turned-oovel by Whimey Otto, the framing story involves a young woman with a '' '60s hippie-kinda'' neutrai name, Finn (Ryder), who is working oo her third potendal graduate thesis and getting cold feet about mar-rying Sam (the blessedly restrained Dermot Mulroney). so sbe retreats to the home of ber grandmother (Burstyn) and great-aunt (Bancroft) to create and contemplate.



Johnathon Schaech and Winona Ryder in "Quilt."

There the circle of quilters, led by Anna (Angelou), begins to make Finn and Sam a wedding quilt with panels that reflect their own love experiences. Naturally, they flasb back to their assorted affairs. Fortunately, not all of the acting is over the top, although Bancroft's is right oo the ceiling. Ryder seems for ooce to be acting. (Eve Zibart, WP)

Uomo delle Stelle Directed by Giuseppe Tor-

natore. Italy.

Tomatore won the best for-

Morelli is a conman who trundles around the island posing as a talent scout swindliog poor folks out of their money by filming screen tests he claims he is sending off to a Rome studio. His adventures, which include scrapes with bandits and the Mafia, naturally end in tears. although some viewers, after being subjected to the film's nakedly manipulative prodeign film Oscar for his ding, may regard the anti-

schmaltzy "Cinema Paradiso" (1988). The glamour

of old movie culture pro-

vides the director with his

theme again, in a story set in

Sicily in the 1950s. Joe

hero's comeuppance as woefully inadequate. (Roderick Conwoy Morris, IHT)

Maboroshi

Directed by Hirokazu Korcida. Jopan. Yumiko's husband commits

suicide and she is left alone. Eveotually she makes a second marriage — to a fisherman in a coastal village. After a sudden storm he does not return. Yet even after he does Yumiko is not the same she is consumed with thoughts of death and contemplates suicide herself. Her husband tells her that his father had told him that everyone is tempted by the illusions (maboroshi) of life, that she is not alone - and she is consoled. From a slender story (writteo by Teru Miyamoto, who wrote Kohei Oguri's famous 'Muddy River"), first-time director Koreida bas created a wonderful picture, all light and dappled shadow, filled with unstressed parallels, and a regard for people in their surroundings that is now rare in Japanese cinema. The camera (superlaovely controlled by Nasao Nakahori) contemplates the patterns of this single life and draws no conclusions. To have seen them

(Donald Richie, IHT)

high, that drop almost vertically. In the southern hemisphere winter, from The whole area is now part of the Fiord-June 10 August, snow forms a white halo land National Park, which has World Her- for information or reservations, or book

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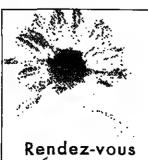
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CASINO: Love and Honor in Las Vegas By Nicholas Pileggi. 363 pages.

\$24. Simon & Schuster. Reviewed by Christopher Lehmann-Haupt

Y OU have to step back a little
I from Nicholas Pileggi's
text to appreciate fully what he
has accomplished in this work.
Viewed in the proper perspective, Pileggi's story is a
morality tale about two men who tried to begin their lives anew by moving to Las Vegas, that "city with no memory," as Pileggi calls it, "the nation's

One of the men was brains, the other muscle, but each left his lasting mark on America's



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gambling capital. The brains was Frank (Lefty) Rosenthal, a sports handicapper from Chicago who had a genius for figuring the odds in any sort of game and who left nothing to luck, eveo if ensuring his edge meant bribing one of the competitors (or so it

has been alleged). Rosenthal's contribution to Las Vegas was the introduction to casinos of "sports books," implemented by rooms full of television sets in which bettors can watch and wager on almost

any sporting event going on at the moment The muscle was Anthony (Tony the Ant) Spilotro, a friend only morality car wash." of Rosenthal whose occupation

in Las Vegas was to keep an eye on the Chicago mob's gambling interests and to steal every jewel collection in the city. Informed by local insurance brokers of the whereabouts of

the best jewels, Spilotro and his associates would break through entering. They became known as the Hole in the Wall Gang. The difficulty for these men was that despite their promising new lives, they could oot escape their pasts. Because of bis pre-

vious problems with the law. Rosenthal was unable to qualify for the gaming license he needed to work at a casino. He thus had to supervise gambling operations at the Stardust rative appears fragmented and

Hotel from his home, where he is difficult to see as a whole. A abused his wife, Geri. She reacted by retreating to drugs and alcohol and by making the rounds of the places she once

phone tap there, a threat to pull out someone's eyes in Kansas City: The disparate dots are worked as a prostitute.

BOOKS

errand boy for the mob, such as arranging for Gregory Peck's secretary to be given free ac-commodations at the Stardust. Never a patient man, he also grew more and more irritated at the fame that Rosenthal was gaining in a publicity campaign to win the approval of the Nevada Gaming Commission.

Eventually Spilotro did what would most antagonize Rosenthal: He began to go out with Rosenthal's wife.

The reason you have to step back to see the contours of this morality tale is that Pileggi has built his narrative out of interviews with the participants in the the walls of the homes they were story, as he did in his best-known previous book, "Wiseguy."

While the language of these interviews has clearly been smoothed out, their tone remains the slightly pedestrian one of most tape transcriptions. Moreover, the characters are hard to tell apart.

And because the story is pieced together from various limited points of view, the nar-

out of the casinos in Las Vegas. mob rubout here, an FBI teleout someone's eyes in Kansas City: The disparate dots are sometimes hard to connect.

Meanwhile, Spilotro grew increasingly resentful of the work he had to perform as an choppy narrative flow.

Still, the authenticity of the book's some makes up for its choppy narrative flow. Still, the authenticity of the

He leaches us many curious details about the way Las Vegas casinos were run, especially in the pre-credit years when cash, both coin and paper, rained down on the tables and slot machines in such large quantities that it actually had to be added up by being weighed. He teaches us about the art of skimming school graduate working casino the take and the even finer art of credit on weekends.

skimming the skim. What Pileggi's interviews ultimately add up to is the story is on the staff of The New York of how the mob was knocked Times.

undid both Rosenthal and Spilotro are dramatically connected to the bigger story that Pileggi tells.
"Today in Las Vegas, the

Some links were stumbled upon

by accideot; others were forged

by painstaking investigation.
But the character flaws that

men in fedoras who built the city are gone." Pileggi con-cludes. "The gamblers with no lası names and suitcases filled with cash are reluctant to show up in the new Las Vegas, for fear of being turned in to the IRS by a 25-year-old hotel-

Christopher Lehmann-Hanpt

WHAT THEY'RE READING

· Ivan Goujon, hotel owner in Le Lavandou, France. is reading Arthur Koestler's trilogy "The Sleepwalkers." "The Act of Creation" and "The Ghost in the Muchine."

"He was a major writer with an amazing brain, not appreci-ated enough in France. These works consider the effect of science on a man's idea of himself. and defend the concept of mind." (Margaret Kenip, 1HT)



BELGIUM

Cathedrai, tel: (3) 233-3468, open daily. To Dec. 10: "Flanders and Castilla y León: On the Threshold of Europe. Documents the artistic re-lationship between Flanders and Castilla y León. The works, some of them by Memling, Bouts and Bosch, are usually found in the cathedrals. cloistere and churches of the Span-

BRAZIL

InterContemporain. The French chamber orchestra toure several Brazilian cities: Campinas (Oct. 17-18), São Paulo (Oct. 23-24) and Belo Horizonte (Oct. 26-27).

BRITAIN

Cambridge
Fitzwilliam Museum, tel: (223) 332900. closed Mondays. To Jan. 7:
"Italian Malolica." Majolica or tinglazed earthenware has existed since the 13th century and is characterized by its vibrant painted decoration. The Fitzwilliam collection is made up of more than 500 pieces, the best of which are on exhibit here.

Royat Academy of Arts, tel: (171) 434-5615, open daily. To Jan. 26: "Africa: The Art of a Continent." An exploration of artistic achievements in Africa. Works from various counin Africa. Works from various countries, including Egypt, range from dung figures to gold ornaments.
Royat Opera, Covent Garden, tel: (171) 304-4000, fax: 497-1256. Wagner's "Götterdämmerung." Directed by Richard Jones, conducted by Bernard Haitink, with Siegfried Jerusalem, Kurt Rydl and Deborah Polaski. Oct. 14, 19, 23, 28 and 31.

DENMARK

Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, tel: 42-19-07-19, open daily, "Alexander Calder," More than 150 works featuring Calder's early sur-realistic sculptures, paintings and steel-wire pieces as well as mobiles, models, posters and drawings.

FRANCE

Pars Fondation Mona Bismarck, tel: (1) 47-23-38-88, closed Sundays and Mondays. To Nov. 15: "Chefs-d'Oeu-vre du XIXe Italien." The collection of the textile magnate Gaetano Mar-zotto Includes 120 realist works cre-ated by Italian artists between 1850

and 1900. Includes works by Boldini or and De Nittis, Grand Palais, tel: (1) 44-13-17-17, closed Tuesdays. Continuing/ To Jan. 1, 1996: "Cézanne." More than 100 paintings, 42 watercolors and 26 drawings by the Master of Aix.

GERMANY

Berfin
Altes Museum, tel: (30) 21-50-2378, closed Mondays. To Jan. 7: "Architekturmodelle der Benaissance:
Die Harmonie des Bauens von Alberti bis Michelangelo." The architectural effervescence that took place in Italy between the construc-tion of the cathedral in Florence in the 15th century to that of St. Peter in Rome in the 16th century, is doc-

mented through a lerge selection of models and drawings.
Staatsoper Unter den Linden, tel: (30) 20-35-45-55, fax: 20-35-44-83.
"Rigoletto" (Oct. 18, 23, 27), "Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg" (Oct. 22, 28).

Frankfurt
Schim Kunsthalle, tel: (69) 29-9862-11, closed Mondays. To Dec. 3:
"Sehnsucht Nach Glück — Wiens
Aufbruch in die Modeme: Klimt,
Kokoschka, Schiele." "Sehnsucht
Nach Glück" (Longing for Happiness), e frieze created by Gustav
Klimt in 1904, opens the exhibition
which focuses on two themes, the
manifold representations of women
and the artists' self portraits. The psychologically-charged atmosphere of
Vienna is illustrated by more than
200 works by turn-of-the-century
artists such as Klimt, Gersti,
Kokoschka and Schiele. Frankfurt

Haus der Kunst, tel: (89) 211-270, open daily. To Dec. 3: "Pierrot: Melancholy and Mask." 150 paintings, drawings and sculptures testify to the transformations of the Pierrot





Calder's works are in shows in Humlebaek and Baltimore; maiolica jar, on view in Cambridge, England,

1912 demonstrate the ve the German Symbolist.

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temporary sculptor.

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ISRAEL

5200, open daily, To Jan. 21: "Franz von Stuck: Paintings and Sculptures." 60 paintings, 15 sculptures, drawings and studies for pieces of turniture created between 1889 and

Israel Museum, tel: (2) 708-811, open daily. To end of November: "The Enigma of Woman." Surrealist prints and ertists' books documenting the Surrealist Interpretation of

ITALY

Teatro alfa Scafa, tel: (2) 72003744. Donizetti's "Lucia di Lammermoor," conducted by Stefano Ranzani and directed by Pier'Alli. Oct. 20, 23, 26

Turin Palazzo Reale, tel: (11) 43-61-557, closed Mondays. To Dec, 10: "Filippo Juvarra, Architetto delle Capitali: Da Torino a Madrid 1714-1736." Documents the activities of the 18th-century architect and urbanist who redesigned the city of Turin.

Tokyo ICU Yuasa Memoriai Museum, tel (3) 422-33-3340, closed Sundays and Mondays. To Nov. 18: "Japanese Quilting, Sashiko and Kopin." More than 40 pieces on display include kimonos, workclothes, and furoshiki wrapping cloth.

LUXEMBOURG

Musee National d'Histoire et d'Art, tel: 47-933-0212, closed Mondays. To Nov. 5: "From London." Works by the artists of the 'School of London,' including paintings by Frank Auerbach, Francis Bacon, Lucian Freud, R.B. Kitaj and Leon Kossoff.

THE NETHERLANDS

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

LMOST all the great play-Aers of the past have re- can nourish growth of new conmained mentally alert to the end nections between brain cells of their lives and some, like and can in effect cushion the Oswald Jacoby, Waldemar Von Zedtwitz and B. Jay Becker, were able to win major titles at The oldest bridge writer is The oldest bridge writer is an advanced age. Charles Goren was the only conspicuous exception to this statement of the charles are advanced age. Charles who at 89 contributes a statement of the charles are appropriately as a symptoms of demential."

The oldest bridge writer is probably Ronald Mansbridge, who at 89 contributes a statement of the charles are appropriately as a symptom of demential." uous exception to this gener-

tage for bridge players. A recent gramed deal. South took a reastudy of a group of elderly ouns suggests that those who keep their minds active live longer than those who are less educated or have become stagnant.

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"Many researchers," says the Alzheimer's Association National Newsletter, "believe that lifeloog mental exercise

column weekly in The Westisation. port Minuteman. Recently, he
This suggests a major advanoffered his readers the dia-West had opened the bidding with one club and East had raised. West attempted to cash three diamond winners, not the best defense. South ruffed the third round, removed the missing trumps with the spade ace and led his singleton club. West snatched his ace, fear-

ing a singleton. Playing an ace "on air" in this fashion is common, based on flawed reasoning. Unless taking the ace is sure to set the contract, West should play low, following the second-hand-low principle, just because South might have a singleton. As it was, South was able to discard two heart losers on the king-queen of clubs make his game. If West had saved his club ace, the defense would eventually have taken two heart tricks to defeat the

closed Tuesdays. To Dec. 24: "Modiglian!: Dibujos de la Colección Paul Alexandra." A selection of 250 drawings from the collection of Dr. Paul Alexandre, including first draw-ings end watercolors of 1905; a drawbook covering the years 1906-

SWITZERLAND

Basie Baste
Kunstmuseum, tel: (61) 271-0445, closed Mondays. To Jan. 14: "The Danube School and the Upper-Rhine: Swiss Art in the Early 16th Century." The Danube School Included those artists who drew or painted romantic renditions of the Danube area: Altdorfer, Huber, Hans Leu and Craterin bit early weare. Danube area: Aitdoffer, Huber, Hans Leu and Cranach in his early years. Musée de L'Horlogerie, tel: (22) 736-7412, closed Tuesdays. To Dec. 15: "L'âge d'Or du Petit Portrait." 80 miniature portraits painted from 1700 to the 1870s showing the styles and variety of these small, delicate paintings.

UNITED STATES

Attanta
High Museum of Art, tel: (404) 8924444, closed Mondays. To Dec. 31:
"The Cotton States and International
Exposition: Attanta, 1895." A celebration of the 100th anniversary of
the exposition with 60 paintings,
sculptures, and drawings presented
in 1895. Includes works by Whistler
and Mary Classatt

Battimore Museum of Art, tel: (410) 396-6300. closed Mondays and Tuesdays. To Jan. 7; "Celebrating Calder." More than 50 works, including the company of the ing mobiles, stabiles, works on pa-per, jewelry and tapestries.

Museum of Modern Art, tel: (212) 708-9400, closed Wednesdays. Continuing/ To Jan. 23: "Plet Mon-drian." 150 works by the Abstract olitan Museum of Art, tel: Metropolitan Museum of Art, tel: (212) 570-3791, closed Mondays. To Jan. 7; "Rembrandt/Not Rembrandt." More than 50 paintings, including 25 that raise questions of authorship. With interpretive materials displayed alongside, the exhibition demonstrates the use of technical analysis.

New York

Museum of Art, tel: (215) 684-7860, closed Mondays. To Dec. 31: "Constantin Brancusi: 1876-1957." More than 100 major sculptures in stone, wood and plaster by the Romanian-born artist. Also Includes drawings and photographs. and photographs.

CLOSING SOON

On Oct. 15: "Dutch and Flemish Drawings from the Royal Library, Windsor Castle." Ashmolean Mu-seum, Oxford, England. On Oct. 15: "From Realism to Sym-bolism: The Belgian Avant-Garde, 18830-1900." Kunstcentrum Oud Sist Centre for Contemporary Art, tel: (2) 825-0522, closed Mondays, Continuing/To Nov. 19: "Magdalena Abakanowicz: A Retrospective." A selection of works by the Polish con-Sint-Jan, Bruges, Belgium. On Oct. 15: "Bacon-Freud: Expressions." Fondation Meeght, St. Paul de Vence, France.
On Oct, 15: "Paradis Perdus: L'Europe Symboliste." Musée des Beaux-Arts, Montreal. Museo Nacional Centro de Arte

Class Games Around the World

By Roger Collis International Herald Tribun

"T'S hard to justify the price of a firstclass ticket costing around twice the business-class fare when you can choose one of the many airlines which has dropped first class in favor of an improved business class at near-first-class comfort.

"Companies will pay for business class but oot for first; that's what is driving this market - business-class fare with first-

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class service," says KeithWoodward, marketing manager at Continental Airlines in London

Continental, which offers a sleeper seat with 55-inch pitch, has been followed by AirCanada with Executive First (55 inches); TWA with Trans World One (57 inches); and Alitalia's new Magnifica (50-54 inches). Other airlines that have dropped first class include SAS, KLM and North-

west (on some routes). This has put competitive pressure on airlines that still offer first class to improve their business-class products. Air France now has the same seats in business as in first, although the pitch is different (48 inches compared with 82 inches and horizontal recline); United offers 49-inch pitch in Connoisseur class, British Airways
has trumped this with 50 inches in its
revamped Club World; while Cathay Pain order to stay competitive. cific has recently upgraded business class

with a 50-inch seat pitch.

Virgin Atlantic was first to raise the business-class stakes with Upper Class -arguably, still the best business class buy in the sky with a 55-60-inch-pitch sleeper seat, on-board lounge and bar, massage, manicure and "beauty therapy" and limo transfers at both ends, with the option of a motor bike transfer in London.

United Airlines will fly the first roundthe-world service on a single carrier since Pan American Afrlines abandoned its RTW service in 1982. Flights will start on Dec. 14 eastbound, and Dec. 15 westbound on a four-segment routing starting in Los Angeles every morning, using a combination of aircraft, including the new Boeing 777. Flight UA 001 will operate westbound

making stops in Hong Kong, New Delhi, London and New York (Newark) before returning to Los Angeles; Flight UA 002 will follow the same itinerary in the opposite direction,

The cost of a global odyssey depends on where you buy your ticket. In London you'll pay £3,844, or about \$6,075 (first class), £2,471 (business class) and £1,608 (full





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\$5,019 (first), \$3,618 (business), \$2,570 (economy); and in Hong Kong, 32,510 Hong Kong dollars, or about \$4,200 (first), 25,460 (business), and 16,350 (economy). Pan Am introduced the first RTW flight in June 1947, with a Lockheed Constel-

lation flying west from New York, taking 13 days to visit 17 destinations in 11 countries. Other airlines followed suit, but as none of them had a sufficiently extensive route network, they were forced to team up

Nowadays, there are dozens of part-nerships, fares and itineraries via the North and South Pacific.

Traveling between Europe and North America, a RTW ticket can save up to 40 percent on the cost of a regular round-trip especially in first or business class. For example, United's published round-trip fares between London and Los Angeles are £4,488 (first class) and £3,352 (business). You would therefore save £644 in first class or £881 in business class by going all the way around the world, with an extra two stops in Asia thrown in. Save even more by starting from Houg Kong or Los Angeles. If you are based in New York or London, the answer might be to buy a round-trip to Hong Kong and start your RTW trip from there. You then have up to 12 months to use the remaining coupons for another round-trip to

Hong Kong.
United has RTW partnerships with BA, Cathay Pacific, Emirates, Gulf Air, Lufthansa, Saudi, South African Airways,

Thai, Swissair and SAS.

Montreal-Vancouver and Ottawa-Vancouver. Each computer has Lotus Smartsuite, Microsoft Office and Novell software: both 0S2 Warp and Windows are installed. Complimentary disks are available for you to use and take away. And there's a wide range of

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executive games. Golf is said to be a favorite with high-fliers. The OAG HotelDisk is a new quarterly guide to hotels in North America. The Metro version (available in single-user Windows format) lists 6,300 hotels in 30

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out driving/walking distances as well as the best roote between the airport, the hotel,

For the ultimate gournet challenge, head for the Heritage Hotel in Hanoi, which Air Canada offers business class pas-sengers the use of IBM Think-Pad Pennium Pièce de résistance is a cocktail consisting has opened a Vietmanese speciality bar. £2,471 (business class) and £1,608 (full laptop computers on all flights between Loneconomy); in New York or Los Angeles. don and Toronto and Toronto-Vancouver, heart. "Freshen up your drink, sir?"



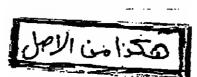
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MANDELA GIVES COMING GENERATION A HEAD START — President Nelson Mandela of South Africa greeting children Thursday at the site near Johannesburg where the Nelson Mandela Children Fund plans to construct a youth development center. The project is to be paid for by government and private sector funds.

Some Jurors Hearing a Simpson Message

By Jon Jeter Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - At the O. J. Simpson trial in Los Angeles, the defense attorney John-nie L. Cochran Jr. told jurors to send a message to the police with their verdict. They found Mr. Simpson not guilty of mur-

In a Maryland courthouse just ontside Washington, Walter Charles Boyd got a message,

As Mr. Boyd listened to two Prince George's County police officers testify that they saw the 22-year-old defendant toss away a vial of cocaine and a handgun while running from the police, one unanswered question nagged at the juror: Why weren't the man's fingerprints recovered from the hand-

"I watched quite a bit of the O. J. trial, and I learned quite a bit from that," Mr. Boyd said in a telephone interview. "I know you can't convict someone if you don't have the proper evi-

"Why did they just rush to judgment in this case?" Mr. Boyd asked rhetorically, referring to the county police while repeating a line often used by Mr. Cochran in his successful defense of Mr. Simpson.

case against Kareem N. Brooks, fused to budge. a man with a criminal past.

Mr. Boyd's suspicions represent what prosecutors, judges and defense attorneys said will probably be one of the most enduring effects of Mr. Simpson's televised murder trial: Jurors whose skepticism of evidence gathered by the police will force them to meet higher standards of proof to win convictions.

"The O. J. case heightens the skepticism that people normal-ly have, and it will hring out people's inherent mistrust of police officers," said the Prince George's state's attorney, Jack B. Johnson. "Yes, I'm afraid it is going to be a problem."

Mr. Boyd, 41, a medical-supply salesman, said the Simpson trial and Mr. Cochran's arguments alerted him to police ineptitude and ahuse. "Yeah,
O.J. really opened my eyes,"
Mr. Boyd said. "It seems that he
may be guilty, but I just didn't
feel the police had done their
job. I just wanted Brooks to

"He kept saying, 'Remember the O. J. Simpson case,' over and over again," Mr. Mont-gomery recalled. "And the rest of us kept saying, 'Forget about the O.J. Simpson case. This is

At one point, Mr. Boyd re-

Mr. Boyd voted to acquit. His dissent deadlocked the panel, 11-1, angering fellow jurors and forcing a mistrial in the gomery recalled. Mr. Boyd respectively. They deliberated for more than four bours, in sometimes heated tones, Mr. Montage with the courtroom and announced their verdict. But when Mr. Brooks's attorney asked the Brooks's attorney asked the court clerk to poll the jurors, Mr. Boyd responded that the verdict announced by the foreman did not reflect his view.

"I changed my mind while we were walking down the hall to the courtroom," Mr. Boyd said. "Those fingerprints just stuck in my head."

tionship." Mr. Simpson initiated the interview, telephoning The Times from Los Angeles without notice. By calling The Times, he was apparently seeking to make many of the points he would have made in the television appearance, hut without facing interviewers who be felt had been preparing to "retry"

his decision to hack out of the television interview, which had been expected to be one of the most widely watched hroadcasts in history.

He also discussed the murder case in general terms, but did

tended to use the television in- still have my Bentley, I still terview to comhat what be have my home in Brentwood called "ridiculous misrepresen- and my apartment in New tations" in the news media, of York. both the details of his case and his life in the days since his

cized each other. But be said be felt compelled to pull out after extensive conlawyers. Mr. Simpson said he specify what those deals were. sultation with his team of nine had been told that he would have to give a deposition in the civil suits and that NBC, seeking questions to ask him in the interview, had spoken to the lawyers for the plaintiffs.

"My lawyers told me I was town Los Angeles, which meant being set up." he said. "They that more blacks would be on being set up." he said.

felt the interview was going to the jury.

That was the first deal from "That was the first deal from

Andrew Lack, president of said. "Then it was the media NBC News, said that he did not who kept pointing out how know whether the lawyers who many blacks were oo the jury. have filed the civil suits against "Just because we pulled an

"I've gotten thousands of letters and telegrams from people supporting me."

Mr. Simpson also asserted that he had had no conflict with his former in-laws over the two children be bad with Mrs. Simpson.
"We've agreed on the profes-

sional help for the kids," he said. "There is no conflict going on with the Browns over the kids." He also denied rumors that

he had married the model Paula Barbieri in the Dominican Republic, or was about to do so. Mr. Simpson described himself as "fired up" about the outcome of the planned interview

case in general terms, but one not take on the unanswered questions that still surround the even laughing about reports that his legal bills had left him

Mr. Simpson said he had insaid. "I still have my Ferrari, I

Mr. Simpsoo discounted reports of earlier plans to profit from a "pay-per-view" venture, He said he had expected to go in which viewers would pay a on NBC and "talk about as- fee to watch a televised interpects of my case, about bow I view with him, saying that "the felt about the jurors, and Mar-cia Clark, and what's going on us." But be did say that be had between Johnnie Cochran and made deals "in other venues" Bob Shapiro," two Simpson that would not have been at leave the NBC interview. that would not have been af-

"We've had a lot of interest; people from both bere and in foreign countries are coming to me," be said. But he would not

Mr. Simpson also said that his defense did oot instigate the racial element in his case. The first reference to race, he said, came in news accounts of the implications of moving the trial from Santa Monica to down-

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Mr. Simpson had been called ace out of the deck at the end of by the network.

Mr. Simpson said that he never intended the NBC interview to be a forum to declare his cial attitudes expressed by a poinnocence. "The jury did that lice detective, Mark Fuhrmann,

SIMPSON: A Surprise Interview

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He said he wanted to explain

When deliberations began,

have a fair trial."

all the jurors but Mr. Boyd voted for conviction, according to the jury foreman, James Mont-

'Million Man March': A New Strain on U.S. Race Relations?

years after Martin Luther King Jr. One million hlack men would repre dreamed of a nation graced by racial sent about one ont of every 11 black equality, the black leader Louis Far-American males over the age of 16. rakhan has mobilized a march that And only men have been invited decritics say could further strain frayed U.S. race relations.

Mr. Farrakhan, the Nation of Islam of Mr. Farrakhan's Chicago-based leader who has often stirred emotions Muslim religious movement. with harsh criticism of Jews and Christians, is urging 1 million black men to Monday to proclaim self-reliance in an famed civil rights march of 1963.

spite the risk of offending black wom-

Mr. Farrakhan says his predicted converge on the nation's capital on gathering of hlack men - who as a group suffer high joblessness, lack of event that would dwarf Mr. King's education and disproportionate rates our communities." of imprisonment - differs from other

Instead, the 62-year-old minister ca. says he wants men to gather before the houses of Congress for "a day of atonement," to "stand up and take the responsibility of freedom, the responsibility of their wives and their children and the responsibility of huilding

While his message of bold self-reli-

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

According to census figures, Mr.

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Farrakhan has set himself quite a goal concerns among many blacks, Mr. Farrakhan's concerns among man folk to do for us what we could do for ourselves are over."

ment and made him among the most vilified public figures in white Ameri-

> Leaders of the Anti-Defamation League said in a statement that the "Million Man March" would be "the most mainstream event in recent American history to be led by a racist and anti-Semite.

ington are taking seriously the notion that at least a half a million men will descend on the Washington Mall for the march, The Associated Press re-

"We think there's going to be 11,000 to 12,000 buses that we're going to have to handle," a city official said. "That's a half a million people right there." (Reuters, AFP, AP) The White House voiced support for there."

Chechen Rebels Ready to Talk, **Mediator Says**

GROZNY, Russia - The top international mediator in Chechnya said Thursday that separatist rebels were ready to continue working for a peace settlement with Moscow.

Sandor Meszaros, bead of the mission of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, played down a statement by the rebels on Wednesday that said they intended to shun negotiations.

Mr. Meszaros said that the Chechen military commander, Aslan Maskhadov, had told him that the rebels were "ready to go back to the implementation of the military agreement and were ready to return to work for the special monitoring committee." He said he would pass the message along to the Russian federal authorities.

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe is mediating the Russian-Che-chen talks that resulted in an agreement on July 30 that called for the rebels to surrender weapons in exchange for the withdrawal of most Russian

Implementation of the agreement was suspended hy hoth sides after a homh attack last week severely wounded the Russian military commander and peace negotiator, Lieuten-ant General Anatoli Romanov.

Tunis Opposition Calls for Release Of Jailed Leader

TUNIS — Tunisia's largest opposition party, the Movement of Socialist Democrats, denounced Thursday the arrest of its leader, Mohammed Moada, and called on the authorities to release him.

Mr. Moada, a university professor, was arrested Monday and judicial sources said he had been accused of having secretly received money from an unnamed foreign country.

In a statement, the opposi-tion party denounced the accusadons as campaigns that "contradict the necessary serenity of legal proceedings."

Mr. Moada is still in the custody of the police, who have a

maximum of 10 days to either

release or charge him. Amnesty International said Tuesday that it was concerned that Mr. Moada might be beld solely on account of his peaceful political activities, and said it feared he was at risk of being

8 Cypriots Held as Spies

NICOSIA — A Cyprus court ordered eight Greek Cypriots to be held Thursday on suspicion of spying for the Turkish occu-

Train Inquiry Borrows From 'Silence of the Lambs'

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches HYDER, Arizona - The the way fictional agents probed the psyche of a serial killer in in a desert gulch 55 miles (about "Silence of the Lambs."

Experts are cooducting a Phoenix. "psycholinguistic analysis" of a

assigned to the FBI's division my at Quantico, Virginia, for that oversees terrorism investigations, officials said they were no closer to establishing a motive or identity of who had tampered with the track.

But Mr. Tubbs played down a report that investigators were focusing on the possibility that a group unknown to experts on the case home and others are a disgruntled railroad employee and other aspects to come up with a profile of the writer, he said.

linists who started their training at an early age than among those who began later in life.

There is an abrupt change at between ages 12 and 13 that appears to be quite dramatic,"

Violinists who started studies between ages

3 and 12 showed no significant differences in the brain circuitry. But there was a distinctly

reduced level of development, Mr. Taub said,

in the hrains of those who did not start

What causes this dramatic shift at that moment in life "is still unknown, but it is very

Mr. Taub is the co-author of a study of

musical brains being published Friday in Sci-

musical studies until after the age of 13.

Mr. Tauh said.

clear," he said.

DAIWA:

No Apology

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on Sept. 18 what had happened. Mr. Nishimura and Mr. Sa-

kakibara said that in retrospect

it probably would have been

better to press Daiwa Bank to

hasten its investigation and re-

port back more quickly. They

also suggested that in the future

they would try to improve com-

munications with the American

The Japanese culture places

great trust in banking execu-

tives, Mr. Nishimura said, add-

ing that it would have been in-

appropriate for him to ask to

see the letter sent by Mr. Iguchi

realized that American authorities would like to hear of poten-

tial scandals before they are ab-

Mr. Nishimura said he oow

to the bead office of Daiwa.

90 kilometers) southwest of

bizarre anti-government letter content of the letter, a special y the saboteur.

Although the case has been desert staging area that it had been sent to the bureau's acade-

Violin Virtuosi Must Start Young

Brain Study Shows Big Changes in Circuitry Up to Age 12

The FBI acknowledged that "Silence of the Lambs?" FBI forward with information, fed-investigators found several pho-spokesman Jack Callahan said eral investigators continued to Agents also checked out anoth-FBI is trying to look into the tocopies of the letter at the mind of the Amtrak saboteur scene of the derailment, which mique. "That's exactly what it dence at the site.

that is believed to have been left agent. David Tubbs, said at a have seen the letter say it was that could provide clues about sociated with the train, the rail-by the sabotaged the track and road said.

movie, an FBI expert creates a lift the toppled Amtrak coach-

With no witnesses coming in the area looking for anyone with the letter. (AP, NYT)

Oo Wedoesday, the FBI In the book, later made into a moved a crane to the scene to psychological profile of a serial es. Then dozens of federal agents crawled in the dust look-

Agents also checked out another set of wheel tracks spotted a few miles from the crash site. "This investigation is like any other," Mr. Tubbs said. "It's a

neighborhood. It's just a very large neighborhood." Agents asked for personnel Passengers and officials who ing for the smallest fragment records of Amtrak workers as-

There are millions of square

kilometers covered with smoke

in the Amazon basin," she said.

"On one day, around Aug. 30,

we saw a smoke plume, over 6

million square kilometers cov-

ered by smoke." Smoke hovered over parts of Brazil, Boliv-

ia, Paraguay and Uruguay, she

gin rain forest takes deliberate

action, in this year's brittle heat the chance cigarette thrown out

a car window can start dramatic

conflagrations in previously

Cleared areas.
Mr. Setzer and other ecolo-

the extent of destruction.

slowed in recent years.

"To the extent that the im-

ages are the only real data oo the total deforestation of the

Amazon, then the absence of

While starting fires in the vir-in rain forest takes deliberate two.' The NATO secretarygeneral, Willy Claes, pledged in a speech in Washington last week: "We will have an exit strategy. This will not be an open-ended commitment. This will not be intervention in a gists could not be certain about civil war, as in Vietnam. It will the extent to which the fires not be an exercise in nation-

To limit NATO's involve-

"There's a concern that if we have enough on our plate looking after the military tasks. Mis-

"showing the parties on the ground that they can't just ex-pect ontsiders to do their work for them," Ambassador Hunter

NATO officials also ac-knowledged that a deadline makes the deployment of up to 25,000 U.S. soldiers easier to sell in Congress and provides political cover for President Bill Clinton as he faces re-election in 1996. Whether it makes sense in terms of durable accomplishments in Bosnia, however, is already under dispute.

"How much you can do in 12 months to create a unified Bosnian state, given the appalling things that bave happened in the last three and a half years, is difficult to say," said Michael Williams, an analysi for the International Institute for Strategic Studies. "Europeans have some misgivings that the Americans will do a Somalia on them—that come November '96 the. administration will say it didn't quite work out and we're pulling out."

to train and equip Bosnian government forces has run into optake over everything, then we're crimments, some of which feel no likely to be doing everything forever," a diplomat in Brussels said. "We believe we're going to clined to violate the professed neutrality of a NATO peace

United States."

Setting a timetable for departure should force speedy action toward reconstruction while states. The captomat said. It is neutrality would go out the window if half your forces are at training bases somewhere beefing up the Muslim army."

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches ence, the journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. His co-au-WASHINGTON — To become a violin virtuoso, start practicing by age 12. Thirteen is too late, say scientists who have studied the thors are from Germany, Thomas Elbert and Brigitte Rockstroh of the University of Kon-

stanz and Christo Pantev and Christian hrains of musicians. Wienbruch of the University of Münster. Edward Taub, a researcher at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, said magnetic images of the brains of people who play stringed instruments showed that larger and more complex neuron circuits formed in vio-In the study, scientists found that people

who play stringed instruments have enlarged brains, but only in the area that corresponds to the nerves in left-hand fingers. "String players are required to use the last four digits of the left hand a great deal, and the brain enlarges in response to this to help them in this task involving a great deal of manual dexterity," Mr. Taub said.

In a research project, Mr. Tauh and other scientists tested nine musicians — six violinists, two cellists and a guitarist — and six other subjects. They found a nearly perfect correlation between how active their left hands were and

the enlargement of the corresponding section of their brains. Studying players of stringed instruments was important, Mr. Taub said, because they predominantly use the left hand. So the brain growth was easier to measure. (AP, Reuters)

FIRES: A Pall Over the Amazon

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ute to global warming. Alberto Setzer, who tracks burnings in setzer, who tracks burnings in the Amazon for the National Institute for Space Research, said that in July weather satel-lites detected 39,900 fires, a nearly fivefold increase over the 8,503 fires in July 1994. In the first half of August, his agency's weather satellites showed 72,200 fires. In August 1994, the figure was 61,000 for the entire month.

"In general, we notice a very strong increase in fires in the Amazon region, and in regions where we didn't expect to see the fires," Mr. Setzer said. "It means that for sure we'll have a very high figure of new deforestation this year."

Cleared areas.

Mr. Setzer and other ecologists could not be certain about the extent to which the fires involve first-time clearing of virgin rain forest because after the 1992 Earth Summit. Brazil

Elaine Prinz, a professor at the University of Wisconsin, has been studying the Amazon region using a geostationary satellite that transmits data ev-ery three hours. She said the burnings were not limited to

FUR: A New Russian Elite Revels in Mink and Sable

KGB proud. "We thought no-

pensive skins are selling briskly and cheaper coats are almost impossible to keep in stock. tova, a 35-year-old secretary,

huy something this good or do I settle for less?"

sians - but a trifle for the truly the same store for 35 years, so wealtby new Russians who she can lay claim to some per-would not think twice about spective. "Russian women body was going to buy the fur.

Then we realized they were buying it all in Russia."

The fur stores of Moscow are
having a busy autumn. The exhaving a busy autumn. The ex
Description of think twice about dropping that amount in a brief come in here every day and buy \$10,000 coats now," she said, still a little taken aback by it all.

Busia is saised each wear in the cheaper furs. Not everyone has the money for a real good

Russia is raised each year in has the money for a real good individual cages not much big-mink, but often people can pay ger than the animals them- for something less rare." "Of course I have always selves, each pelt can go for up to wanted a fur coat," Irina P. Ti- \$500 — and it can take 100 of them to make a coat. The aversaid as she tried on a dark mink age price for a sable coat is that cost about \$6,500 in a store more than \$50,000 — because it In Siberia Is Murdered at Petrovsky Passage, ooe of Moscow's tonier sbopping malls. "The question I have "If you've ever managed to

MOSCOW --- A senior man-"If you've ever managed to been asking all summer is, Do I scrape up enough money to find ager at a Russian plant that some fur to wear through a Rus- makes engines for MiG-29 stan winter you will never turn fighter jets was shot and killed She reluctantly settled for fox back," said Valintina V. Poniin the Siberian city of Omsk, the at less than half the price. Many kova, the deputy director of one Itar-Tass press agency reported.

people, in Moscow at least, no longer have to.

It is possible to buy a full-length mink coat in Moscow for less than \$5,000 — still unimage. solutely confirmed, even if they were just "insinuations." less than \$5,000 — still unimagera. the Baranov mote inably expensive for most Rus- Mrs. Ponikova has worked in contract killing.

scientist at the Environmental Defense Fund, a private Ameri-

Executive at MiG Plant

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for me in the strongest possible terms: a verdict in three hours," be said.

He also questioned opinion surveys suggesting that up to 70 percent of Americans are convinced of his guilt.

"I don't think most of Americans are converted by the defense.

Mr. Simpson called himself "a fighter," but he conceded: "I don't have an image anymore. I'm a realist. I know I'm never me a speciment for the conceder of the con "I don't think most of Ameri-ca believes I did it," he said. Hostess Cupcakes."

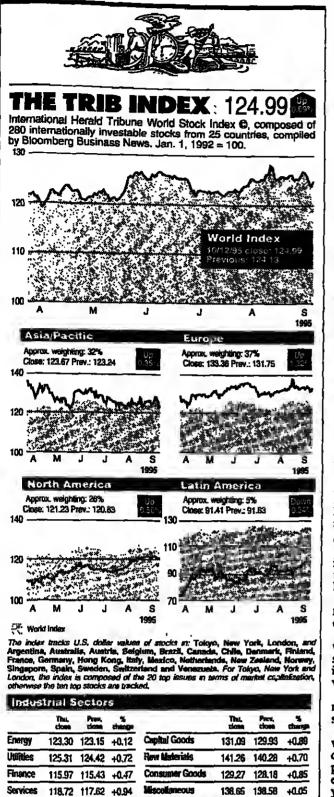
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not be an exercise in nationbuilding as in Somalia."
Mr. Claes said the operation

was intended to "oversee the the 1992 Earth Summit, Brazil pullback of forces to agreed de-marcation lines," to provide stability as the warring factons virtually stopped analyzing the 230 or so annual Landsat satellite images that provide an over-view of deforestation, governimplement their new constitument officials said. Apart from tional relationships and restore their economic ties," and to alisolated areas within the Amazon, the most recent wall-to-wall analysis of deforestation is based on images from 1991. Though officials here say that low international reconstrucnon to begin.
"And then," he said, "we will leave,"

international accords require ment as much as possible, alli-ance ambassadors instructed Brazil to analyze the images only every five years, govern-ment ecologists acknowledged that analyzing them steadily was crucial to understanding General Joulwan to focus strictly on military tasks, such as patrolling the separation zone. and to think in terms of a yearlong operation. Refugee resettlement and civil tasks are being suggestion that the year be used To critics, the gap in moni-toring also throws into doubt shunted to the United Nations repeated assertions by the Bra-zilian government that destrucand other agencies. tion of the rain forest has

the data would suggest that Brazil's claims are, shall we say, sion creep will just undermine this operation, especially in the British diplomat said. "This sion creep will just undermine smoke and mirrors," said Stephan Schwartzman, a senior



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55% on Chip Sales

Compiled by Our Staff From Disposche DALLAS — Texas Instru-ments Inc.'s third-quarter earnings rose 55 percent, the chip-maker said Thursday, reflecting strong sales and higher royalties. The \$289 million oet income

TI Profit

Increases

for the quarter was higher than many analysts had predicted, and TI stock closed up 75 cents,

at \$74. Sales rose 33 percent, to \$3.43 billion from \$2.57 billion, mainly on strong semiconduc-tor growth, the company said. Semiconductor sales and op-

erating profit surpassed their previous records, set in the second quarter. Increased manufacturing efficiency bolstered operating margins, the compa-

"It was a good quarter," said Krishna Shankar of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette.

Texas Instruments forecast that the global semiconductor market would grow about 40 percent this year, an increase on the 35 percent growth it pre-dicted in the second quarter.

As a result, the company said it would raise capital expendi-tures from \$1.3 billion to \$1.45

billion to add capacity.

Bill Ayelsworth, the chief financial officer, defended the in-

creased investment We think capacity additions, while high in an absolute dollar sense, are in fact reasonable and

in the right range to support the very high demand," he said. Semiconductors account for more than two-thirds of TI's

Sales in defense electronics, which had been struggling because of spending cuts, rose 5 percent, but the company said it expected revenue for the full year to be lower than in 1994.

The software unit reported a loss for the quarter, as did the personal productivity unit.

Dollar Holdings Flatten Has Global Stability Slowed Demand?

By John M. Berry

WASHINGTON - For the first time in years, the amount of dollars in circulation stopped growing in June, July and August. Since 1990, there had been on three-month stretch in which the amount of U.S. currency in private hands did not increase. Preliminary

figures covering most of last month show little increase in demand then, either. No representative of the Federal Reserve System, which provides whatever quantity of currency the public desires to hold, claimed to

know why demand had hit a flat spot. But Fed officials said they were sure develop-ments in other countries, not the United States, were behind it. As of the week ended Sept. 25, the central bank estimated that \$368.1 billion in paper currency was in circulation, somewhere be-tween 50 percent and 70 percent of it outside

The average U.S. household keeps very little cash on hand, according to a number of

the United States.

One reason so much currency is abroad to begin with is that residents of many countries, particularly in Latin America, the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa, do oot trust their own currencies. In countries ravaged by civil strife or byperinflation, dollars serve as a reliable store of value, and in many locations,

such as Russia, they are a medium of ex-

change for everyday purchases. So a downturn in demand could be an indirect sign that the Russian government is finally beginning to stabilize its economy and re-establish some confidence in the ruble. The dollar had become so popular in Russia that gross shipments of U.S. currency earlier this year were running at \$100 million every business day, according to Fed officials.

"The fact that perhaps as much as \$250 billion of U.S. currency exists overseas -\$50 for every man, woman and child on the planet — is particularly surprising when one realizes that such boldings are purely voluntary."

Governor Lawrence B. Lindsey of the Federal Reserve wrote in an article in the Durell Journal of Money and Banking.

Mr. Lindsey related an unusual transaction witnessed in Saudi Arabia by a U.S. bank

"Two wealthy Sandis were dickering over the price of a prize Arabian horse," he re-counted. "The seller wanted three, the buyer offered 'two.' In the end, the buyer prevailed and had his chauffeur produce two 'bricks' of U.S. currency. Each brick was a 10-pound stack of U.S. \$100 bills, worth \$400,000, still in the original Bureau of Engraving and Printing shrink-wrap."

Should demand continue flat, it would be of

considerably more importance to the United

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Piracy Revival Cited in China

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BELITNG - Chinese piracy of U.S. software. musical recordings and movies has returned to record levels, and China lacks the political will to make good on its promise to end it, U.S. business leaders said Thursday.

In a February trade agreement with the Unit-ed States, China said it would combat wide-spread illegal use and manufacture of American copyrighted products, such as compact disks,

films and computer software.

Since then, "the situation has not changed substantially," said Eric Smith, president of the International Intellectual Property Alliance. Mr. Smith said Beijing continued to allow between 27 and 31 plants to produce as many as 45 million counterfeit compact disks, CD-ROM

disks and video disks a year. He and other business people also criticized China's failure to effectively penalize makers and (Bloomberg, AP, Reuters) sellers of pirated products.

"Fining someone \$100 for producing illegal products is like a small tax on profits," said Robin Rolle, executive director of the International Trademark Association.

But Chinese officials said the country was making headway in implementing the agreement.

"This is for all to see and is also recognized by the U.S. side," said Chen Jian, a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry.

The U.S. assistant trade representative, Lee Sands, is in Beijing this week for a regular review of progress in carrying out the agreement.

The executives stopped short of asking the U.S. government to threaten China with trade sanctions, as it did before the February accord. "We expect China to implement its promises," Mr. Smith said, adding that pressure may pick up

if little progress is made before next February, when U.S. officials will review the agreement.

Britain Rebukes Salomon Over Its Accounting

By Erik Ipsen ternational Herald Tribune

LONDON -- British regulators Thursday rebuked a major U.S. securities house, requiring Salomon Brothers International to report moothly on its progress in straightening out its internal accounting procedures.

The action grew out of a long investigation by the Securities and Futures Authority into a bost of accounting problems at Salomon Brothers. Those problems surfaced in February, when the U.S. firm reported a \$175 million loss at its London operatioo caused by the errone-ous recording of trades related to currencies and derivatives going back oearly ten years.

The authority said it was sat-isfied that Salomon was correcting its accounting problems and said the firm was oow in full compliance with all British accounting laws.

This is positive for us," said Leigh Bruce, a spokesman for Saloman Brothers International. "It ends a painful episode."

In the wake of the losses reported in February, Salomoo Brothers instituted oew controls and procedures. Those will oow be the focus of the security authority's scrutiny of the firm. The authority has taken the additional precaution of reserving the right to extend that period of scrutiny if it is not fully satisfied with the progress Salomoo Brothers is making.

This is the first time we have ever applied conditions of this nature and intensity," said David Jones, a spokesman for the Securities and Futures Authority. In the past, the authority confined its disciplinary actions to fines, public censures and occasionally banning individwals from trading.
What distinguished the Salo-

problem. "In the past it has been a singular action which caused the problem," said Mr. Jones. In Salomoo's case, he said, the authority had discovered a widespread "malaise."

Salomon executives attributed the problems to accounting and reporting systems that had failed to keep up with the explo-sion in trading volume and in types of new financial instruments in recent years. They also pointed out that they had discovered and reported the problems in the first place.

Agnelli Family Joins the Fight For Rockefeller

Bloomberg Business News
NEW YORK — The Agnelli family of Italy has joined Gold-man, Sachs & Co. and David Rockefeller in their \$297 mil-lion bid for cootrol of Rockefeller Center.

Through their investment arm, Exor Group SA, the Agoellis are to contribute \$90 millioo to the bid in return for a 20 percent stake in the bankrupt New York landmark, according to a Securities and Exchange Commission filing.

Troutlet Investments Corp., an investment company based in the British Virgin Islands, also agreed to contribute \$90 million for a 20 percent stake.

The addition of the Agnelli family and Troutlet would leave David Rockefeller with a \$20 million investment and a 5 percent stake in the property.

Goldman and Rockefeller are

in a three-way fight for control of Rockefeller Center Properties Inc., holder of the \$1.3 billion mortgage on the property. The Goldman-Rockefeller

the agreement. mon Brothers case was the ap-(Bloomberg, AP) parent pervasiveness of the universe the value of its bid.

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The Middle East Doesn't Need a Bank

By Reginald Dale International Herald Tribune

TASHINGTON - Sometimes a bad idea gathers such political momentum that oobody dares to stand in its way. Regrets come later. That is what happened at the end of the Cold War when the West yielded to French insistence and set up a special bank to help rebuild the shattered economies of Eastern Europe.

After a disastrous start, the Londonbased European Bank for Reconstruction and Development has settled down as a well-intentiooed white elephant, still vainly trying to prove itself indispensable. A remarkably close replay of this sorry

scenarin is now under way in the Middle East, as international attention begins to focus on how to fortify the peace process by promoting regional economic growth. This time it is the United States that is insisting oo a regional development bank. Washington is supported by Japan

and Canada - and of course by the four intended prime beneficiaries: Israel, Egypt, Jordan and the Palestinians. The people who ought to bave the guts to stand in the way are the countries of the European Union, who should have learned the lessons of the European bank

better than anyone else. Most EU governments know the pro-posed Middle East Bank is a folly. But they are afraid they will appear unenthusiastic about the peace process if they op-pose it too vigorously — just as opponents European Investment Bank.

of the European Bank feared being branded as churlish toward Eastern Europe.

So, instead of saying a firm 'no' to the new bank, the EU has chosen to equivocate and drag its feet — an approach that is as cowardly as it is ineffective. The result is that the bank may still be offi-

If Middle Eastern governments really want to attract investment, the best thing they can do

is to improve the

climate for business.

cially launched at a Middle East-North African economic summit in Amman this month, over the EU's half-hearted

objections. Nn sane, detached observer would argue that what the world oeeds now is a new regional development bank. The aim should rather be to rationalize the existing international financial institutions - especially when aid budgets are under se-

vere pressure almost everywhere. The Middle East is already served by the World Bank (which naturally has its doubts about the oew project), the African Development Bank, the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, the Islamic Development Bank, and the

As the EIB and the World Bank are only too aware, the shortage is not one of funds but of suitable projects and of local intermediaries to help channel the money to the right recipients. These problems could be solved by the less glamorous but more practical "financialintermediation organization" that the

EU has proposed instead of the bank. If Middle Eastern governments really want to attract investment, the best thing they can do is to improve the climate for business - currently one of the worst in the world - and manage their economics better.

But the debate is oot just about economic and technical issues. Saudi Arabia and the Gulf Arabs are reluctant to contribute because they fear the bank will mainly belp Israel. With low oil prices and rising domestic budgets, they are strapped for cash anyway.

With the U.S. elections little more than a year away, Washington sees the bank as a symbolic foreign-policy accomplishment as much as an instrument of economie development.

As the United States struggles to maintain its world leadership in the face of dwindling financial resources, the Europeans fear — as in other areas — that Washington will get the glory and they will get the bill.

The Europeans should take their courage in both hands and scupper this un-occessary venture. And while they are feeling brave, they should get rid of that white elephant in London too.

Rising Stocks Give a Break to Brokers

NEW YORK - The rally that has lifted the Dow Jones industrial average more than 23 percent this year is giving a lift to profits on Wall Street, carnings reports issued Thursday showed.

Increased trading income pushed up results at PaineWebber Group Inc., Charles Schwab Corp. and J. P. Morgan & Co., signaling a strong third quarter for the brokerage industry.

"This is nirvana for J. P. Morgan and the J. P. Morgans of the world," said James Cramer of Cramer & Co., which owns 152,000 Morgan shares.

J. P. Morgan said third-quarter earnings rose 10 percent on rising securities trading and underwriting revenue. The results show how Morgan is profiting from a 15-year buildup of nonleading businesses.

The company's third-quarter profit rose to \$360 million, or \$1.78 a share, from \$327 million, or \$1.63 a share, in the like 1994

For the first nine months, bowever, Morgan's profit fell 9 percent, to \$930 million, reflecting a first-quarter charge of \$55 million related to severance payments.

This is a very solid performance, actually better than we expected," said Raphael Soifer, a Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. analyst. "The stock should do well on this." It did. Morgan's stock was up \$2.375, to

a record \$80.50. Morgan's trading revenue rose 41 per-cent in the latest quarter, to \$399 million, with client demand strong in all of the bank's market-making activities. Under-writing revenue tripled, to \$71 millinn, and advisory and syndication fees were up 44 percent, at \$124 million, reflecting high

levels of takeover and merger activity. Total assets were \$178 billion at the end of the quarter, up from \$167 billion a year earlier, while conperforming assets were

period. Revenue rose 8 percent, to \$1.55 \$188 million, little changed from the \$187 million. millinn a year earlier.

Investment-management fees rose 13 percent, to \$150 million, reflecting an increase in assets under management.

PaineWebber said third-quarter earnings more than tripled as revenue from commissions, asset management and trading advanced. For the quarter, its net income was \$78.2 million, up from \$20.3 million, while nine-month profit was \$147.9 million, up 74 percent from the like 1994 period.

The results reflect the purchase of assets of Kidder, Peabody & Co. this year. "That's clearly Kidder," said John Keefe, an independent analyst. "They put two and two together and got five."

PaineWebber's shares rose \$1,625, to

Schwab said late Wednesday that its third-quarter earnings rose 51 percent, powered by a surge in stock trading and an

increase in mutual-fund fees. (Bloomberg, AFX, AP).

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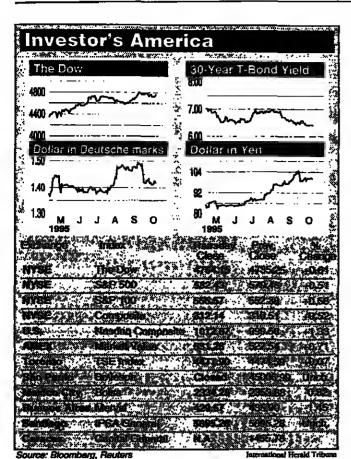
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AT&T Picks Leaders for New Firms

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) - AT&T Corp. began Thursday filling the executive suites of the companies created in its breakup and picked Alex Mandl to be its next president. Mr. Mandl is now chief of AT&T's Communications Services Group.

Robert E. Allen will continue as chairman of the new AT&T. Henry B. Schacht an AT&T director since 1981 and former chairman of Cummins Engine Co., was picked to be chairman of the new communications-systems-and-technology company. Richard A. McGinn now chief executive of AT&T's Network Systems Group, was named president of the technology company. (Reuters, AP)

Ford Weighs Selling Financial Units

DEARBORN, Michigan (Combined Dispatches) - Ford Motor Co. said Thursday it was considering selling some of its financial services operations and that it would raise its dividend for the fourth quarter.

Ford said it was "reviewing possible strategie actions with respect to its Financial Services Group," including the partial or complete sale of its USL Capital and Associates units. Ford also said it would raise the dividend on its Class B and common stock for the fourth quarter to 35 cents a share from 31 cents. (AFX, AP)

Georgia-Pacific Corp. and Boise Cascade Corp. said strong demand for pulp and paper lifted them to record quarterly profits. Georgia-Pacific's profit rose to \$324 million from \$87 million and Cascade earned \$118.5 million, reversing a loss of \$31.7 million.

 Raytheon Co.'s third-quarter earnings rose nearly 5 percent, to \$200.7 million, helped by strong results at its construction and value of paper currency, or to pin down the amount of curthe world during this period."

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Time and US West: Teeth Bared

By Mark Landler New York Times Service

NEW YORK -- In the clearest sign yet that its partnership with US West Inc. is on the rocks, Time Warner Inc. has accused the telephone company of "fraudulent, reckless, or negligent" conduct.

Responding to a lawsuit filed two weeks ago by U S West, Time Warner has denied that it had violated its partnership agreement with U S West by agreeing to acquire Turner Broadcasting System Inc. Time Warner also said in a counter-

claim, filed in Delaware Chancery Court, that U S West had systematically blocked it from making deals with other telephone or cable companies that might compete for local telephone customers in US West's 14-state home territory.

The accrbic tone and new allegations in Time Warner's response all but guarantee that its partnership with U S West is in ruins. One executive familiar with Time Warner said it was "highly unlikely" that the companies could resolve their dispute outside a courtroom.

In 1993, U.S. West, which is based in Englewood, Colorado, invested \$2.5 billion for a 25.5 percent stake in three of Time Warner's most hucrative businesses - cable television, Home Box Office and Warner Brothers - which together constitute Time Warner Entertainment.

The partnership was the first of a series of alliances reached between cable-system operators and telephone companies. The breakdown of the relationship between the two companies shows just how far these industries have traveled — from being potential allies to bitter rivals.

Time Warner's counterclaim extends beyond contentions that US West was a truculent partner. The company said that US West executives deceived Time Warner on the key issue of whether the issets in the partnership would be regulated under the antitrust decree that governs AT&T Corp. and the seven regional Bell companies, of which US West is one.

"As a result of US West's fraudulent misrepresentation and failure to disclose material facts," the complaint stated, Time Warner had suffered "irreparable injury."

A senior executive familiar with Time Warner's legal strategy put it more bluntly: "They jammed us up."

When Time Warner announced Sept. 22 that it planned to acquire Turner Broad-casting in a stock deal valued at \$7.5 bil-lion, U S West immediately filed a lawsuit contending that the deal violated the noncompete provisions in its partnership agreement with Time Warner.

Warner, responded that U S West had no case. Still, the timing of the lawsuit cast a thadon over a deal store that the state of the lawsuit cast a thadon over a deal store ov case. Still, the timing of the lawsuit cast a shadow over a deal that was being dogged by rancorous Turner shareholders and dis-

sension in Time Warner's executive ranks. Now, Time Warner has returned the favor. Thursday, Richard D. McCormick, chairman of U S West, and other senior executives were scheduled to make a crucial all-day presentation to analysts about the company's plans for expanding beyond its core telephone business.

US West's partnership with Time Warner is central to that strategy. By unraveling that relationship, Time Warner may cast doubt on the company's strategy, analysts said Wednesday.

Good Profit News Lifts Wall Street

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Stocks rose

Ford pushed up auto stocks. The Dow Jones industrial av-

U.S. Stocks

numbered declining ones by an 11-to-6 ratio on the New York Stock Exchange.

30-year Treasury bond rose 18/32 point, to 106 14/32, taking the yield down to 6.39 percent from 6.43 percent.

"Earnings will hold up," said Gail Bardin, a money manager at Hotchkis & Wiley in Los Angeles. "You have low interest rates, low inflation and companies that are very competitive."

The Labor Department said Thursday that its producer price index climbed 0.3 percent last month, but the mild increase was in line with expectations.

Micron Technology was the most actively traded issue on after reporting strong earnings and being added to PaineWeb-ber's "focus list."

computer-related shares higher, earnings," said Greg Riley, a rising ¼ to 74 after reporting a trader at CS First Boston. 55-percent increase in thirdalso said demand for semicon-

ductors should be strong for this year and next.

The technology sector also got nancial companies reported a lift from comments by Bill better-than-expected earnings and a dividend increase from soft, who said sales of the company's new Windows 95 operat-ing system had been better than

"It looks to me like the hightechs are on the mend," said Hildegard Zagorski, a market analyst at Prudential Securities. "We're not having a bad day The price of the benchmark here, and the volume isn't too skimpy, either."

The Nasdaq composite in-dex, which is heavily weighted toward high-tech issues, closed up 14.06 points at 1,015.63. Shares of Ford jumped 11/4 to

31% after the carmaker raised its quarterly dividend and said it was considering selling finan-# cial divisions. Banking and brokerage stocks

rose after some companies in those sectors reported strong third-quarter earnings J.P. Morgan rose 2% at 80% and PaineWebber gained 1% to 21%. Although profit warnings or

disappointing earnings during the past month from Motorola the Big Board, rising 1% to 69% and Caterpillar have received the most notice from investors, "what's lost in the shuffle is that most companies have reported Texas Instruments led other in-line or better-than-expected

Strong earnings also lifted quarter earnings. The company Potlateh, which rose % to 41%. (Bloomberg, AP)

U.S. Fund Adviser Opposes Olivetti Issue raised cash several times in the last few The company's largest U.S. shareholders

MILAN -- Olivetti SpA's already unpopular plan to tap its shareholders for 2.3 trillion lire (\$1.43 billion) in cash received a blow as an adviser to American mutual and pension funds told its clients not to

take up the rights offer.
Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. recommended shareholders vote against the Italian computer and office products company's plan to raise money to finance job cuts and modernize factories.

This is an unreasonable request," Steve Young, an ISS adviser wrote in a report released Tuesday. "The company has

years, but shareholders have seen no im-

provements in company operations." The rights issue has been criticized by shareholders, who were asked to invest 900 billion lira in 1993. Olivetti has reported four straight years of losses.

If current stockholders do not buy the shares - three new ones for each two now held -- the banks underwriting the issue will have to take up the equity.

Olivetti investors will be asked to vote on

the rights offering Oct. 25. The new shares are priced at 1,000 lire each; Olivetti's stock dropped 3 lire Thursday, to 1,332.

at midyear were Janus Capital Corp., Smith Barney Inc., Dimensional Fund and the California Public Employees Retirement

The Bethesda, Maryland-based group has waged campaigns against corporate management abroad before. The firm joined a group of institutional investors who opposed the chairman of Australia's Coles Myer Ltd. Solomon Lew stepped down as chairman of the company this week amid investor protests.

> share in the burgeoning market said Ian Spence, a currency tradfor paper money circulating in foreign countries?" he asked.
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> The dollar ended at 1.41 the yen's share is quite small but the Deutsche mark's share

The flows to Russia last

day amid a growing perception rose to \$1.5770 from \$1.5718. among traders that central coordinated dollar-buying effort soon, Bloomberg Business News reported from New York.

"I don't hear intervention be-

The dollar ended at 1.4172 Anecdotal evidence says that DM, down from 1.4255 DM on Wednesday. It also fell to 100.15 yen from 101.03 yen.

Against other major currencies, the dollar fell to 1.1485 Silence Pulls Dollar Down Swiss francs from 1.1565 francs The dollar fell against most and to 4.9460 French francs other major currencies Thurs- from 4.9645 francs. The pound

Finance officials from the banks were unlikely to mount a Group of Seven leading industrialized nations said last weekend that they would "welcome" and stronger dollar and vowed to "cooperate closely" in the for-

DOLLAR: Global Stability Is Credited With Flat Demand for Currency

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States than just indicating that foreigners might be using another currency to buy horses.

Because the cost of printing and distributing a \$100 bill is a few cents and the government, through the Fed, gets \$100 in value when the bill is put in circulation, a rising demand for the seigniorage on the overseas currency is a great deal for the government.

This difference between the

told a conference at the Dallas banks.

Foreign Exchange

Federal Reserve Bank last month that using current interest rates on Treasury securities, dollars is worth \$11 billion to \$15 billion to the Fed each year.

it costs a government to make sion, but one indicator is the had become the dominant desthem is known as seigniorage. amount shipped to other countination, reflecting the turbu-Vice Chairman Alan Blinder tries by various Federal Reserve lence in Russia. The Fed economists Richard year were nothing short of re-

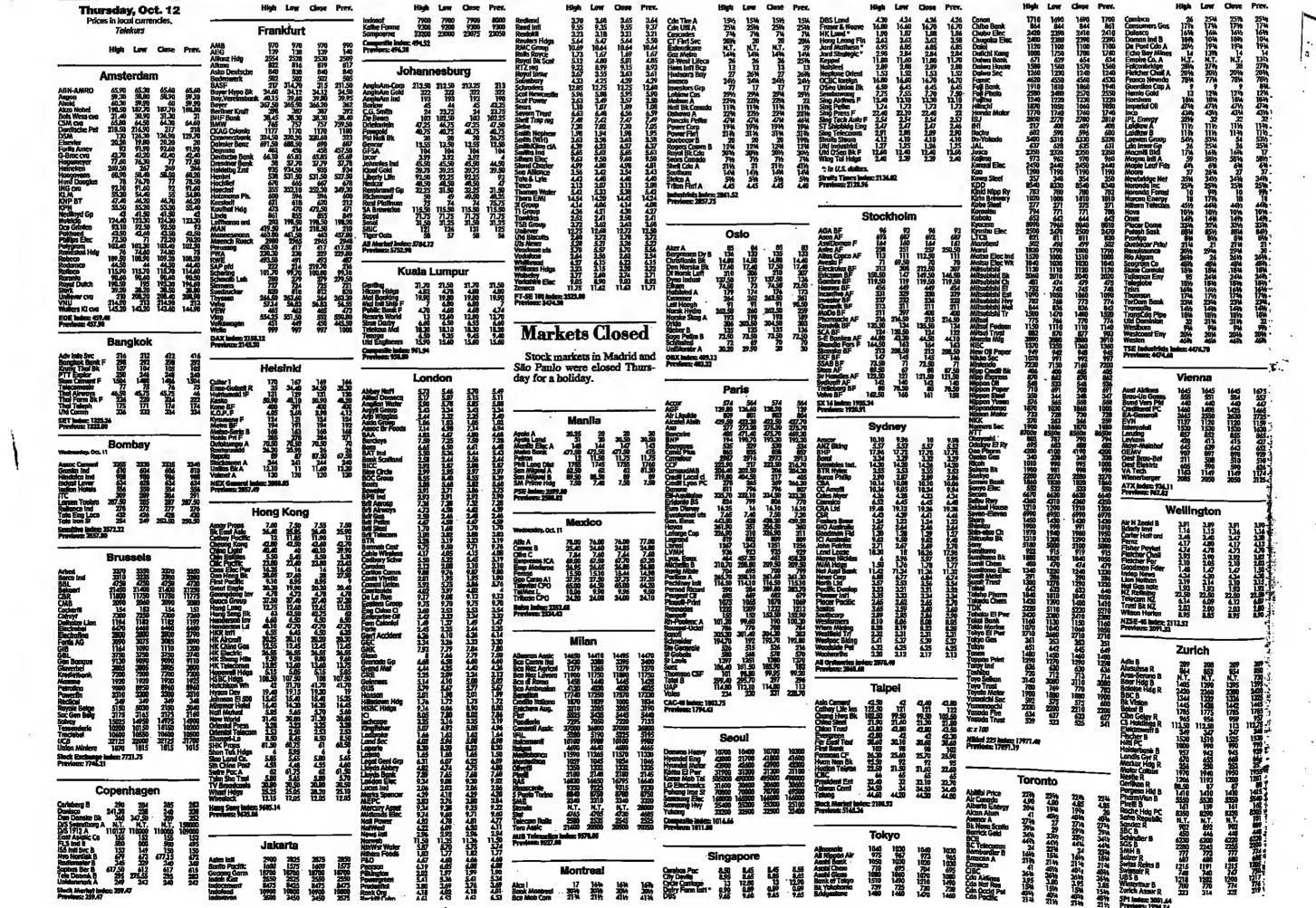
D. Porter and Ruth A. Judson markable," they said. "Net cursaid in a recent paper that from rency shipments to Russia were 1988 through 1991, "the region reported to be on the order of receiving the bulk of currency shipments was Latin America, half of total foreign currency led by shipments to Argentina, which received a little over onethird of total net shipments from The Fed never has been able the United States to the rest of Since then, they said, Europe

In his speech, Mr. Blinder said that currency shipments abroad had been growing faster in the 1990s than in the 1980s. "But what about the dollar's ing talked about as much now," eign exchange market.

shipments."

\$20 billion, or well more than

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EUROPE

Growth Forecast For French GDP **Is Cut to 2.9%**

PARIS — The French economy is growing more slowly than expected, the national statistics office said Thursday as it scaled back its growth forecast for

2.9 percent from 3.1 percent.
The INSEE office blamed the decline on first-half turbulence in the financial markets that soured business confidence.

The revision came as the Economy Ministry reported that the current-account sur-

Opel Considers Cutting Ties With Its Polish Partner

FRANKFURT — General Motors Corp. said Thursday it was ready to invest as much as 500 million Deutsche marks (\$351.9 million) in a new Polish plant and to break ties with its current Polisb partner if the government sold the company to Daewoo Motor Co. of South

Adam Opel AG, GM's German subsidiary, made its position clear as the government tried to conclude the sale of a 60 percent stake in Fabryka Samochodow Osobowych, known as FSO, to Daewoo, which has pledged to invest \$1.1 billion in the automaker.

"If that happens, we're committed to having an indepen-dent presence in Poland," a

spokesman for Opel said. Otherwise, he said Opel would carry out previously announced plans to invest the same amount of money in expanding its cooperation with FSO.

"No final decision has been made," he said. "We can't decide until we know whether or not there will be cooperation between Daewoo and FSO."

deputy minister of industry and reported from London. trade, continued through September. Beata Nawracka, a said retail prices rose 0.5 perministry press officer, said it cent from August, resulting in was possible that a contract an annual inflation rate of 3.9 with Dacwoo would be signed by the end of October.

plus in July fell to a seasonally adjusted 1.59 billion francs (\$319.7 million) from 11.04 billion francs in June.

Much of the decline in the 1995 gross domestic product to trade came from foreign invesbroad measure of international tors' selling 11.74 billion francs' worth of government bonds.

The government also report-ed Thursday that inflation rose to an annual rate of 2.1 percent in September from 1.9 percent

Retail prices increased 0.4 percent in August and September after the government raised the value-added tax by two percentage points, to 20.6 percent,

on Aug. 1.
"The business climate in Europe deteriorated in the first quarter," INSEE said, "notably because of turbulence in securi-

ties and currency markets." INSEE's growth forecast did not take into account the most recent tensions concerning the franc, which spurred the Bank of France to raise interest rates

The frane came under fire in part over concerns about France's ability to meet the criteria to take part in European monetary union.

Higher interest rates also hurt investment outside the manufacturing sector, in such sectors as real estate, retail and financial services.

"Investment has been a big disappointment," an INSEE official said. "It's completely off

The office said it now expected total investment to grow 3.6 percent, compared with the 6 percent increase it forecast in

The revised growth forecast matched a government predic-tion included in its 1996 budget. ■ U.K. Inflation Speeds Up

Britain's annual inflation rate jumped to its highest level in more than three years in Sep-Government talks with basewoo and GM officials, led by Tadeusz Soroka, Poland's mained under control, Renters

The Central Statistical Office percent, against 3.6 percent in

A Car That Drives Iranian Industry Humble Paykan Highlights Push for Self-Sufficiency

By John Lancaster Washington Past Service

TEHRAN - Its engine is based on 30year-old technology purchased from a de-funct British carmaker. Its body has all the sex appeal of an aluminum pie plate, which its hubcaps closely resemble. Don't

even think about air conditioning.

But if Iran's bumble Paykan is not about to give BMW or Lexus any competition, the boxy bttle four-door sedan with the horse-and-chariot logo is some-

thing of an Iranian success story.

About 70,000 Paykans a year roll off the antiquated but orderly assembly lines of the vast Iran Khodro Co. plant west of Tehran, making it by far the most popular car in Iran. Demand for the Paykan runs so high that its maker does not even bother to advertise the model, and customers must wait 18 months to

The Paykan is proof of industrial selfsufficiency in a country whose main exports consist of oil and rugs, not to mention television images of turbaned ayatollabs hurling invective at the West. The emergence of a self-contained

auto industry reflects Iran's continuing diplomatic and economic isolation from the West. This year, Washington banned American companies from doing business with Iran, accusing it of secretly trying to develop nuclear weapons.

Like South Africa and Israel, both of which developed productive economies in the face of trade boycotts and hostile neighbors, Iran has encouraged the devel-opment of indigenous industries to diversify its oil-based economy and further its

ambitions as a regional superpower. Besides its efforts in the car industry, which includes a fast-growing researchand-development sector, Iran is seeking to establish itself as a major exporter of steel, textiles and even home appliances, assembles the Peugeot 405 midsize sedan especially to nearby markets in the newly dependent Central Asian republics.

With an economy dominated by large public-sector industries and hamstrung by mismanagement and inefficiency. Iran is a long way from becoming the next Taiwan.

But the growing sophistication of several Iranian industries reflects the emergence of "a new generation of postrevolutionary talent" that has helped ameliorate the flight of many professionary to the West according als and engineers to the West, according to Vahe Petrossian, who monitors Iran for the London-based weekly Middle East Economic Digest

"The point is that within the last few cars, without too much fanfare, they have developed their own designing and manufacturing capabilities," he said, to reduce the country's dependence on the oil business. "If you take pockets of industry, then the potential is fantastic."

The Paykan is the Iranian version of the long-forgotten Hillman Hunter. Iran Khodro began assembling the car from kits provided by Hillman's parent company, Talbot Motor Co., in 1967.

After the Islamic revolution of 1979,

Iran Khodro went through hard times, exemplified by stories of new Paykans whose engines seized up minutes from the dealer's lot because the factory had

neglected to fill the crankcase with oil. The government-owned company, Iran's largest automaker, has since improved its performance.

In 1989, when Talbot was absorbed by PSA Peugeot Citroën SA, Iran Khodro purchased the British concern's manufacturing equipment and began producing the Paykan almost entirely on its own; the gearbox and clutch come from

from French components and a line of indigenous trucks and buses equipped with engines from the German automak-er Mercedes-Benz AG.

On the clean factory floor, almost all the work is done by hand. Neatly dressed in blue coveralls, workers maintain a steady, structured pace, breaking for tea precisely at 10:15 A.M. and collecting a daily ration of fresh milk.

Throughout the plant are signs invoking the national interest or the Koran. "Beware," reads one, "bad quality makes us dependent." Says another, "The one who has God with him is never alone." Company officials are proud of the

company's growing independence from foreign suppliers. "It's our own car," said Gholam Ebra-him, the public relations director. "We are airsid that if we are dependent on a par-ticular country, it's politically costly, and

on top of that the supposition is we need to make a powerful industrial state."
The homely Paykan — its name means "arrow" in Persian — comes in just one model. Its bumpers look as though they would buckle at the slightest impact. As for air conditioning, the company tried

a company official said, but "it was too much strain for the engine." A Paykan sells for the equivalent of about \$12,000, a lot of money in a country where university professors earn \$150 a month. But that is still much cheaper than foreign models, which carry stiff tariffs in keeping with Tehran's heavily

offering it as an option several years ago,

protectionist trade policies. "It's for poor people," said Ali Reza Pournasser, a dealer of Mercedes and Mitsubishis in Tehran. "It doesn't handle well, it's very cheap, and it has noth-

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Very briefly:

 Ciba-Geigy AG's sales in the first nine months fell 4 percent, to 15.9 billion Swiss francs (\$13.75 billion), as the strength of the franc chipped away at export revenue.

 Société BIC SA, the French manufacturer of pens, lighters, razors and windsurfing boards, said sales fell 4 percent in the first nine months, to 4.5 billion francs (\$904.8 million), primarily because of the drop in the U.S. dollar against the franc.

 The European Union said its textile industry could lose 850,000 jobs by 2008, in part because of free-trade pacts.

• Electrolux AB of Sweden is to spend \$10 million to try to increase sales in Russia; the company aims to grab 10 percent of the Russian market for imported household appliances by 1996. • Telegraph PLC shares rose 6 pence in London, to 436 (\$6.86), amid speculation that a media company was negotiating to buy the publishing concern from Conrad Black; Pearson PLC denied it was the bidder.

AP. Bloomberg, Reuters

Texans Abandon Norweb to U.K. Rival

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LONDON - Texas Energy Partners Inc. backed out of the bidding for Norweb PLC on Thursday, clearing the way for a £1.79 billion (\$2.82 billion) takeover of the British regional electricity company by North West Water PLC.

Texas Energy, a joint venture of the U.S. utilities Houston Industries Inc. and Central & South West Corp., bowed out of the two-week bidding war after concluding there was no benefit to its shareholders in paying more for Norweb.

North West Water, which already owns 29.5 percent of Norweb's issued share capital, touched off the battle with a hostile bid Sept. 8. It raised its offer twice after as Energy.

Texas Energy jumped into the bidding Sept. 28 with a bid agreed to by Norweb.

On Wednesday, North West topped Texas Energy's bid of £1.74 billion, and on Thursday, Norweb said it would recommend North West's bid to its shareholders, Norweb's shares closed at 1,136 pence Thursday, down 14, while North West closed at 575, down 1.

North West, which shares many of Norweb's 2.1 million customers in northern England, "illustrated again yesterday morning their determination to secure control of Norweb, even at a very full price." said Tom Shockley, a Central & South West executive who is co-chairman of Tex-

North West is the only U.K. water utility to seek to cross over into electricity. Other electricity companies, such as National Power PLC and PowerGen PLC, have sought to expand their reach by uniting power generation and distribution.

Five other British electricity companies are facing takeover bids, but Norweb was the only one being sought by two compet-

North West's determination reflects its desire to become one of Britain's first superutilities, providing a variety of services such as water, sewage, electricity and natural gas, as former monopoly markets become com-(Bloomberg, AFP)

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Britain Drops Leeson Bid

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

bondholders and asked that the case be dropped.

LONDON - A magistrates' court withdrew eight summonses for Nieholas Leeson's return to Britain on Thursday, ending any possibility that the former Barings PLC trader might be tried in Britain, as he had wanted, instead of Singapore.

The summonses were withdrawn at the request of the Serious Fraud Office after it took over a private

prosecution from Barings

The Serious Fraud Office argued in the court that it was "not in the public interest for there to be a prosecution of Mr. Leeson in the U.K." A German court last week

ordered Mr. Leeson extradited to Singapore to face charges in connection with the collapse of the U.K. banking and investment concern. Barings failed Feb. 26 under the weight of heavy losses on Asian futures mar-(Bloomberg, AP)

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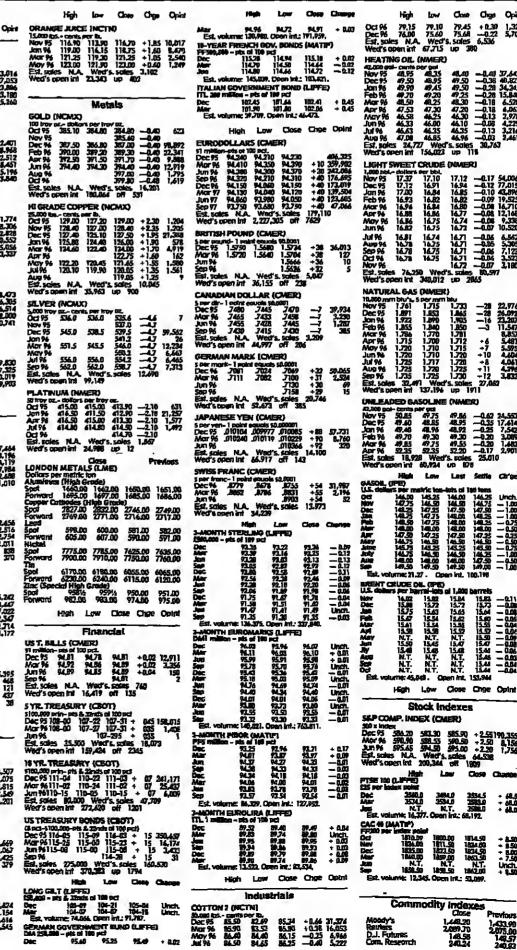
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Foster's Opens Chinese Brewery To Expand Reach

TIANJIN, China - Foster's Group formally opened a Tianjin brewery Thursday in its third and largest joint venture in China.

Bohai Brewery, on the outskirts of the northern port city of Tianjin, reopened Thursday and is expected to produce 50,000 tons a year of two brands. The Australian brewer bought the bankrupt stateowned Bohai in a joint venture with Wheelock Pacific Ltd., a unit of Hong Kong-based Wheelock & Co.

"Our strategy for China always has been to establish a beachhead in three areas," said Chief Executive Ted Kunkel of Foster's, "in the north, the center and the south.

He said Foster's investments in breweries in Tianjin, Shanghai and the southern Guangdong Province had totaled about 150 million Australian dollars (\$114.6 million).

"It is no use to be in China

ILO Issues Warning On Safety

Reuters BANGKOK — Industrial accidents are a growing concern in Asia, and countries in the region need to act quickly to avert major disasters, the International Labor Organization said Thursday.

"There is a need to strengthen preventive said Seiji measures," Machida, a specialist on occupational safety at the ILO's regional office.

China and India were the most vuinerable countries because of the number of installations using haz-ardous materials. he said, adding that China needed to implement comprehensive safety standards.

with a short-term vision." Mr. Kunkel added. "We are losing about 10 million Australian dollars a year in China and expect to be in profit by the turn of

the century. Wheelock bought control of Bohai in January at China's first auction liquidating inefficient state companies. They reopened it after upgrading production lines. Wheelock said. The total cost was \$30 million.

Each company owns half of a 92.5 perceot stake in the brewery. The remaining 7.5 percent is owned by the city's only other prewer, the state-owned Tianiin Chief Brewery.

During the opening, the plant introduced its new brand, Largo. It will also produce Tianjin Chief's Great Wall brand this month. Annual consumption in Tianiin is about 180,000 tons. Bohai stopped production in

October 1993 and fell into disrepair. Wheo Foster's took over, the plant had no water, no electricity and no functioning toilets. The overhaul took six

"Because of the danger, every cable had to be checked," said a Foster's official, Ian Broughton.

Foster's closed down another plant it gained in the sale and moved all its equipment to Bohai. In the process, the company cut 900 of the 1,500 workers on the payroll.

The Tianjin government paid for finding new jobs for the dismissed employees, said Peter Williamson, chief operating officer of Foster's Asia. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

Pizza Hut in Shanghai PepsiCo Inc. said it had opened its first Pizza Hut restaurant in Shanghai, Bloomberg Business News reported from Shanghai,

The formal opening will take place Wednesday. The outlet is in the downtown Nanjing Road district and near a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant that opened in late September. PepsiCo also owns Kentucky Fried Chicken.

The company already operates Pizza Hut restaurants in Beijing and southern China.

Temporarily Ahead of His Time? Japan Recoils as Short-Term-Worker Firm Thrives

By Edmund L. Andrews New York Times Service

TOKYO - It is hard to find politician or business leader who does not think that Japan needs to do more to encourage entrepreneurs. But it is far from clear that Japan is ready for the likes of Yasuyuki Nambu.

In a country that frowns on show-offs, Mr. Nambu is a firecracker of uninhihited self-promotion: He wears impeccably tailored suits, plasters his walls with pictures of himself with foreign leaders and begs visitors to watch a videotape of him hicycling to work in bright red shorts.

Mr. Nambu, who is 43, has managed to huild a fortune by attacking Japan's most timehonored husiness practices.

As the founder of the Pasona Group in 1975, Mr. Nambu pioneered the idea in Japan of marketing temporary workers — an inherently suhversive concept in a country that cherishes the principle of lifetime employment. With 120,000 workers farmed out to companies around the country, his temporary-help ageocy is now the biggest in Japan.

Two years ago, he plunged into discount clothing. Designers Collezione, a chain of nine stores, now tries to undercut prices of boutiques and department stores hy buying items such as Armani suits directly from Milan rather than through Japan's traditional network of trading companies and distributors. The selections are more limited than at other stores, and the sales clerks do not gift-wrap every purchase, but the prices can be

Now Mr. Nambu thinks be is onto another great idea: discounting prices of Americanmade vehicles. Avoiding authorized dealers here, his company is gearing up to buy Cadillac Sevilles, Ford Explorers and Jeep Cherokees from U.S. dealers for shipment directly to his own showrooms. Mr. Nambu figures he can cut prices by at least 20 percent.

one-third cheaper.

To Japanese eyes, it is not American-style capitalism. For by one company."

Yasuyuki Nambu sells clothing at discounted prices at his Designers Collezione stores by circumventing Japan's network of trading companies and distributors. Some examples:



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Fendi men's dress shirt

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consumers, he is a breath of fresh air. To companies trying to cut their work forces, be offers a welcome escape from lifetime employment.

But to many, Mr. Nambu's army of temporary workers is a threat to the security that the Japanese have long treasured. The Ministry of Labor has resisted Mr. Nambu time after time, going so far as to block his seemingly tame idea to relocate middle managers from big companies that are cutting payrolls to smaller concerns.

An effervescent man who jokes easily, Mr. Nambu sees himself as the wave of the future in Japan.

'Gradually, this system of lifetime employment is chang- and bookkeepers to computer under which you can work at still off limits, along with the place of your own choice, many relatively unskilled arclear whether Mr. Nambu rep- at the time you like and the job eas like janitorial services. resents the best or the worst of you like, without being bound

About 80 percent of Pa-sona's \$1.1 hillion in sales last year came from its temporaryhelp and job-placement husinesses. The company's total revenue has declined since \$1.4 billion, because of a fouryear economic slump. Mr. qualities. Nambu, whose company is privately held and discloses little financial information, says Pasona earned about \$10

million last year.

To grow, Pasona has been trying to ease the restrictions on temporary-help agencies. The Ministry of Labor now allows the agencies to place workers in only 16 categories of employment, from typists ing," he said. "Both business experts and office-machine

Nambu as a danger to job security. "The employmeor siiuation is bad all over Japan right now," said Kei Hirai, a planning chief in the ministry's Division for the Adjustment of Private-Sector Labor Demand and Supply. "If we deregulate in this environment, it could make the situation worse.

Despite Mr. Namhu's success, he still seems something of an outcast. Though his walls are covered with photographs of himself with such foreign dignitaries as President Bill Clinton, Prince Charles and Mikhail Gorbachev, there is not one picture of Mr. Nambu with a Japanese politician.

"No Japanese leader has ever invited me to an event,"
Mr. Namhu said. It was the only moment during a twohour interview wheo his exuberance seemed to dim.

It is not difficult to see why Mr. Nambu leaves many people here nonplussed. He is so cothralled by the United States that his wife and children live in Greenwich, Connecticut. He glows about his conflicts with the Japanese government over labor policy, framing newspaper articles about them on his wall like badges of

"I have many Japanese friends, and I am proud to be Japanese," he said. "But I don't like the Japanese business style. People don't re-1991, when it peaked at about spect a persoo's individual characteristics and unique

Will Japan ever warm up to Mr. Nambu? It may turn out that big corporations, eager for more flexibility to hire and fire, will be his biggest ally.

Under pressure from big business, the government is gingerly loosening its rules. Last month, the Ministry of Labor proposed adding 12 categories of jobs that temporary agencies can fill. It was an incremental change affecting narrow categories of workers leaders and industrial workers operators. Categories like such as newscasters, travel are now seeing the merit of oursing, telephone marketing guides and advertising design-this new employment system, and office receptionists are ers. But it suggested that the wind might be blowing Mr. Nambu's way.

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Very briefly:

 Australian employment fell by 15,800 in September, confirming perceptions that economic growth was moderating and interest rates would hold steady. The unemployment rate rose to 8.5 percent from 8.3 percent in August.

 Ito-Yokado Co. saw its profit shrink during the half-year through August because of falling prices, thrifty consumers, stiff huilding costs and clammy summer weather. Current, or pretax, profit fell 3 percent, to 40.64 hillion yen (\$403.4 million). Two of its subsidiaries had better results however, with profit at Seven-Eleven Japan Co. rising 5 percent, to 52.44 hillion yen, as the convenience chain was less affected by deflation, and earnings at Denny's Japan up 8 percent, at 3.89 hillion yen.

• Westinghouse Electric Corp. will invest \$100 million in four ventures to form China's largest manufacturer of power-generation equipment. Its parmer will be Shanghai Electric Corp. The Wenhui Daily said the total investment was \$376.5 million, with Shanghai Electric taking a majority stake in each venture.

Thailand will announce hidding terms for contractors for Bangkok's suhway system in January. The country plans a 21kilometer (13-mile) system that will cost \$2.4 billion.

Sun Microsystems Inc. and Compaq Computer Corp. introduced systems that let small Asian companies use the Internet without exposing confidential data. Priced at \$2,500 to \$25,000, the systems use Sun software and Compaq network-server computers. They were introduced in Asia because many businesses there do oot have octworked computers, the companies said.

Woolworths Ltd. said sales in its first quarter, which ended Oct. 1, rose 10 percent, to 3.6 billion Australian dollars (\$2.75 billino), and same-store sales rose 7 perceot. Woolworths, which has about 32 percent of Australia's supermarket business, said it bad budgeted for a sales increase of at least 10 percent for the entire financial year.

 Asbok Leyland Ltd., Toyota Motor Corp. and Daihatsu Motor Co. will study the feasibility of producing automobiles in

Singapore Airlines

Mazda Hopes New Cars Will Lift Sagging Sales

TOKYO - Mazda Motor Corp. unveiled new versions of three cars Thursday, saying it hoped the models would belp reverse a tumble in its domestic sales.

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The Anfini MPV, a minivan-type vehicle designed to compete with models such as Honda Motor Co.'s Odyssey, went on sale Thursday, Mazda also unveiled the Sentia, a top-of-the-line luxury sedan, and a small model called the Carol, both of which will be sold in Japan from early November.

Mazda's recent performance has been dismal. In the first half of the current financial year, Mazda sold about 174,000 vehicles in Japan a 12 percent drun from the previous year.

vehicles in Japan, a 12 percent drop from the previous year.
The automaker is aiming to increase its sales by about 7
percent, to 440,000 vehicles in the year to March 31. The sales
estimate was part of Mazda's prediction that it would break
even in the current year, after posting a loss of 35.5 billion yen

(\$352.3 million) last year.

But Yoshihiro Wada, president of Mazda, said the outlnok for Japan's auto market was not bright. He predicted sales would slip slightly below last year's level in the second half of the current year.

Beijing-Seoul Dispute Holds Up **Choice of Partner for Asian Plane**

South Korea have delayed the choice of a Western partner for their planned commercial airplane project because of wrangling over the location of the assembly line, a South Korean executive said Thursday.

A spokesman for Samsung Aerospace Industrial Co., part of a South Korean industrial consortium that is working on

the ground. The foreign com-pany will take a stake of about 20 percent in return for tech-

Airbus consortium — Aerospa-tiale, British Aerospace PLC and Daimler Benz AG — have joined with Alenia SpA of Italy

to seek the work. Last month, China and South Korea denied a published report that they had selected the European consortium because it had promised to transfer more advanced technology than did the American companies.

they would choose a partner later in September. Zhang Hua, an official in the

tries Corp. of China, said the partner could not be chosen in to start building completed tail September as planned because sections in China. of negotiating "difficulties."
He refused to give details.
"This delay will have no ef-

fused to say which company company said privately. stood the best chance or to com-

The Korean Commercial

Aircraft Development Consortium, which was set up in Jan-uary, is a group of 14 com-panies led by Samsung Aerospace, Korean Airlines Co., Daewno Heavy Industries Ltd. and Hyundai Technology Development Co.

Aviatioo Industries, which owns China's state aircraft factories, oow makes military jets and turboprop passenger planes, it has been unable to meet demand for aircraft in China. The number of Chinese people traveling by air will double to 80 million a year hy the year 2000, according to gov-

and South Korea can to profitably build a commercial jet . Concerns over quality have limited Boeing's production

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Boeing and the European companies are expressing interest in the project in an effort fect on our original production to make sure sales to the Chi-schedule," said Mr. Zhang. Avi-nese market cootinue, an exnese market cootinue, an exation Industries executives re- ecutive at a European aircraft

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A \$15 million flight simulator for the company's A-320 model will be installed to train

model will be installed to train
Chinese pilots by the end of
1996, and a further simulator
for the A-330/A-340 in 1997.
Rolf Rue, president of Airbus
Industrie China, said.
Mr. Rue said the company
also had signed "several million dollars" worth of subcontracting deals with Guizboudayiango Industrial Group and Aviarioo Industrial Group and Shenyang Aircraft Corp. of

Airbus forecast that China would need about 1,320 new aircraft valued at \$100 billion

reached FRF 6,333 million.

NEC to Market Expandable Video Player

ompiled by Our Staff From Disposches
TOKYO — NEC Corp. introduced on Thursday a personal video system using memory-chip technology that will eventually enable users to store

one hour of programming.
The product, called Silicon View, is about the size of a personal tape player, contains a miniature color television set and weighs a total of 295 grams (10.4 ounces), NEC said.

time with current 40 megabyte tions of rising traffic growth in memory cards, but NEC said it planned to develop a 4.8-gi-account for 50 percent of world relocated certain accounting traffic growth in the region, which is forecast to tasks 10 China. It is also moving its softwaregabit memory card capable of storing 60 minutes of video. NEC plans to introduce the larger memory cards by 2000.

The company said it hoped to begin marketing the product in seven to eight years, but it did

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Plans Fast Expansion SINGAPORE — Singapore

of strengthening demand in the Asia-Pacific market. Executives at Singapore Airgo capacity by between 8 per-cent and 10 percent annually. The executives said the air-

The player would provide line's "supply-driven aponly four minutes of playback proach" was based on projectime with current 40 megabyte lions of rising traffic growth in air traffic by 2010.

Singapore Airlines reported a 15 percent rise in oet profit in the year ended March 31, 10 918 million Singapore dollars (\$644.8 million), on revenue of .55 billion dollars.

challenge facing Singapore Airlines was finding enough Airlines Ltd. said Thursday it staff to support its expansion, a would pursue an aggressive plan problem faced by many com-to expand its fleet in anticipation panies in Singapore.

panies in Singapore.

Most of Singapore Airlines'
flight attendants were recruited in Singapore or Malaysia, but lines said the company planned the airline now has to go to Into expand its passenger and cardonesia and China to fill demand and maintain standards, the spokesman said.

Singapore Airlines has begun shifting some of its office work to other countries. It has

It is also moving its software-development activities to India to take advantage of lower costs and a large pool of computer-industry professionals.

Singapore Airlines will have more than 100 aircraft by 2003, wheo it is due to take delivery of not give a target date.

"We are certainly not conThe video player would cerned about having too much June 1994 for 22 Boeing 747come with multimedia software, NEC said. (AFP, AFX) airline said. He said the higgest A340-300Es.

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Indonesian Sale Dogged by Doubt

JAKARTA — The price of the initial public offering of the Indonesian state telephone monopoly may be driven down ident-dire by doubts about the company's earnings prospects, analysts

said Thursday.

"This is not a high-growth company with high-quality carnings right now," said lain Johnston, a vice president with J.P. Morgan Securities Asia Ltd. in Hong Kong. 'That's not to say there isn't a lot of po-

The government plans to sell \$2 billion of stock in the telephone company. PT Telekom-Indonesia, next "The margins just don't seem to be there, and we've

decided not to take part," said Christian Takushi, a senior Portfolio manager for Leu As-Management Services Msia) Pre. in Singapore. Mr. Takushi predicted that the company would have to offer the stock at a discount to

regional telephone companies to attract investors. He was not more specific about pricing. Putting money in telecom socks is like putting money into utilities; it needs a long-term view," he said, adding that he had seen nothing to reassure close on Dec. 6.

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On Monday, Telkom's president-director, Setyanto Santosa, said 1995 net profit would be 824 hillion rupiah (\$364 mil-lion), nearly 5 percent higher than in 1994. But by comparison, the brokerage concern Vickers Ballas Tamara recently estimated average 1995 profit growth at more than 40 percent for companies on the Jakarta Stock Exchange.

Mr. Setyanto and other Telkom officials refused this week to discuss the pricing of the share sale or the total number of shares to be sold. Telkom's shares will trade on the New York, London and Jakarta stock exchanges. Set to begin on Oct. 26, it would be the largest initial public offering in

Indonesian history.

Mr. Johnston also said Indonesia needed the offering to succeed to smooth the way for sales of other state companies, iocluding the airline Garuda Indonesia and parts of the na-tional power grid. This means "playing it safe," he said, and playing it safe means offering the shares at a very attractive

price. The offering is scheduled to

me year because both countries wanted the final assembly plant. The 100-seat commercial jet project is scheduled to start next year, with the first plane taking off in 2000. Beijing and Seoul view the jet project as a way to get their countries' aircraft industries off the ground. The foreign company will take a series of the ground. The foreign company will take a series of the ground and negotiations with government will jointly hold a stake of between 35 perceut and 40 percent in the project. The Chinese side will match that stake, and a smaller Asian investor will bold 10 percent. A name including the word Asian or Eastern is being considered for the plane, which would bring together some fitting together some

nology and assistance. Boeing Co. and McDonnell Douglas Corp. of the United States are competing for the project, Meanwhile, three of the four members of the European

ernment estimates. At the time they denied the report, the two countries said

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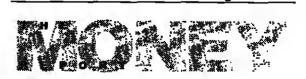
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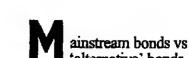
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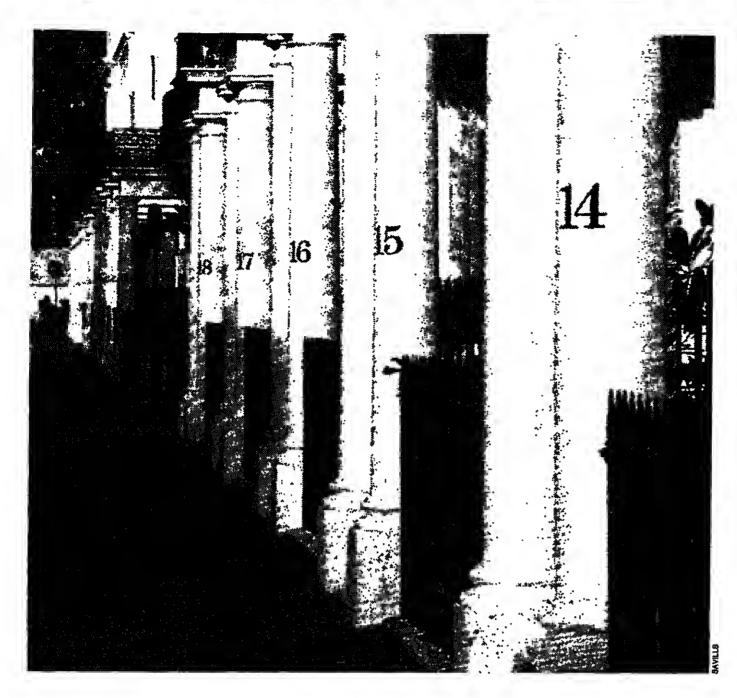
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If you had a million dollars to spend on a home, where would you spend it? How about an exclusive London apartment in a district favored by celebrities? Or you could try discovering a genuine 17th-century converted farm building on the slopes of Paris's historic Butte Montmartre, and enjoy the up-market village gossip in the expensively proletarian corner bistro.

But perhaps at heart (or pocketbook) you are a relentlessly value-conscious New Yorker. If so, the word is that prices are on their way up again, and you may need to move fast to secure that Village loft.

This section surveys the neighborhoods of choice in London, Paris and New York, with a look at the details that augment a property's value in each of these neighborhoods. Other articles evaluate the market for homes in tax havens and holiday destinations. Whether you're looking for something in the million-dollar range or not, the question remains: Is this the right time to buy?

FROM JERSEY TO THE BAHAMAS, THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE. . . A TAX HAVEN

Buying property in places famous for their low taxes is not always an unmixed blessing.

the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in." But he might

well have been. A lax haven is a place where wealthy individuals feel they have to go because they cannot stand to he in the top tax bracket one more minute. And the local population, as a result of geography or historical patterns. feels obliged to take them in.

The right to secrecy

Tax havens earn the name hecause their taxes on income, capital gains, corporations or inheritance are lower than the average - if taxes exist at all. They are also places where hank-secrecy laws are treated as an inalienable right.

Switzerland and Luxembourg for the Germans and Monaco for a mixed bag of international elite. There are also less-well-known havens like Liechtenstein, Andorra and Ireland, Farther afield. Americans favor the Cayman Islands, Bermuda and the Bahamas, while the Dutch gravitate to their former colonies in the Antilles.

Quality of life

Tax laws and rates vary markedly among these, so the "perfect" location from a financial point of view will depend on the nature and geography of an individual's income, investments and family situation. Plus a sometimes undervalued factor: the quality of life.

Robert Frost was not writing about tax havens when he said that "home is wh quake," says that "the most important thing to remember about tax havens is that you have to be able to live there. Your ultimate objective should be your happiness."
In the Channel Islands, in-

come taxes are a flat 20 percent, and there are no capital gains taxes or value-added taxes. For a wealthy Englishman who is paying 40 percent on both income and capital gains, this is very at-

tractive. There are no taxes at all on the island of Sark, off the coast of Guernsey, and homes are relatively inexpensive. Newcomers are allowed to huy only a house, however, the land under it is leased for 99 years. "Sark is a feudal state governed by

just anyone can move there." There are inheritance taxes, and a complication for families with daughters: Only the first male child can inherit property.

No corporate law

In Andorra, there are no income or capital-gains taxes, and prices of homes are lower than those in the Channel Islands. But there is no corporate law, so there are no companies. 'If you want to run a business, Andorra is not the right place," says a retired tax consultant who adds: "The authorities want to keep track of your comings and goings. It's a bit of

a police state. Switzerland, with expen-

income is generated outside the country. The experienced discretion of Swiss bankers is also an attraction. Applicable tax rates vary by canton, but they are all lower than the norm in Europe. If vour investments are in Switzerland, however, you

pay the same steep taxes as any Swiss. Monaco has no personal income tax, no inheritance tax for spouse or children. reasonable corporate taxes and a quality of life that is second to none. Real estate has always sold at a premichose to live elsewhere. He um because of these advantages, making Monaco prop-

erties among the most ex-

pensive in the world. That is

still true today, although

prices have dropped to half

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Limited options In Monaco, as in Switzerland, the Channel Islands and some other tax havens.

there is a two-tier system of real estate. Monaco residents wbo have lived in the principality less than 10 years have a red stripe on their residence card. They are more limited

in their property options for

rent or purchase, and prices are higher. In Jersey or Guernsey, explains a former resident, property is of two kinds: "local" houses and "open market" houses. The latter are more than twice as expensive, and you have to be a resident for 15 years before

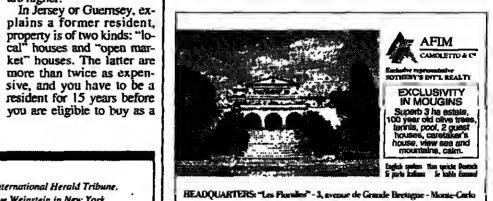
eign sale, but they must sell it to Swiss nationals. Mr. Beckman concludes that buying a luxury home today is a poor investment if one huys strictly for a return on capital. "But if you huy a home for its utility value, as you would buy clothing or a car, you are buying for love. In that case, you don't ex-

pect to make money." Claudia Flisi



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OUTLOOK FOR SECOND HOMES: CLOUDS WITH THE SUNSHINE

A shortage of buyers for desirable holiday properties has forced prices down.

If you are wealthy enough by which he means that the to nwn a second home in the Mediterranean sunshine. then the news is mostly bad - prices are down, and the market in many places is as depressed as ever (though there are some bright spots). If you are suddenly wealthy enough to want to buy a second home in the Mediterranean surshine, the news is mostly good - prices are down, etc.

On the Côte d'Azur, the sunshine is up to standard. and it is the sellers who are not happy. Jacques Chataigmer of John Taylor Realtors describes the situation as "a return to the prices of 1989,"

value of some sumptuous en Mile, stretching west properties in the most from the Marbella Beach properties in the most sought-after locations has dropped by 40 percent to 50 percent.

The French government has recognized the severity of the crisis hy lowering notary taxes (the taxes imposed on the purchaser of a home more than five years old) by 35 percent.

Spanish recovery The makeup of Mr. Chataigner's customers says something about Europe's economies: only 15 percent are French; almost 70 percent are German.

In contrast, Spain's Gold-Club to Guadalmina, has been on the path to recovery since the spring of 1993, which is good news for the agents and sellers.

"We are 18 months ahead of France," says Barbara Wood of Knight Frank and Rutley. She describes her agency's performance last year as "extremely good." She credits devaluations of the peseta as partly responsihle, hut also singles out the significance of "a broad range of buyers."

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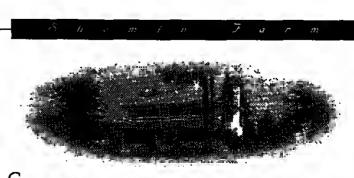
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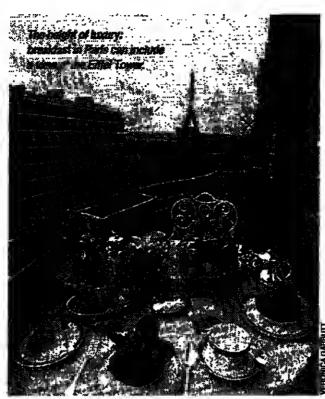
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A Parisian Roof GARDEN CAN ADD MORE THAN A MILLION FRANCS

Montmartre offers village life in the midst of a big city.

A prestige home in Paris seek, the temerity to ask and the imagination to stroll different people. For many, it is a graciously solid late tinctive sign posts, Paris can 19th-century apartment also offer some attractive allooking out at the Champs de Mars and the Eiffel Tower, a floor or two of a noble- one of the city's formerly man's residence in the working-class eastern sec-Marais quarter or the Ile tors, and walk into a small Marais quarter or me saint Louis, or a purpose-designed modern building with fully converted artisan's houses, complete with pocka view of the Seine by day and the city lights by night.

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owner on the corner and you nd the city lights by night. hanging flower baskets. might find out whether one live nowadays is Mont-To those with the time to Speak nicely to the café of these gems is for sale.

"The really smart place to martre," says Martine Ku- (\$2.4 million), and a decent- and solid, with parquet

hot neighborhood, hut

there's not that many larger

apartments," says broker Gil Neary. "So if they want a

doorman and a two-bed-

dustrial lofts.

perfis of the Junot Investissements agency. The narrow winding streets on the southern flanks of the famgus Butte Montmartre are thronged with tourists, but just over the brow of the hill lies a more discreetly resi-dential quarter, notable for Paris's last remaining vine-yard and a park where they are deliberately letting the weeds grow to show bow different the neighborhood is from the stuffier western areas of the city.

Social life "Lots of well-known show business people have moved in bere," Ms. Kuperfis says. They like the village atmosphere and the social life in a setting where everybudy knows everybudy else." Prices have risen a bit above village level, though. A charming buuse with a

small garden might fetch

around 12 million francs

If comfort and convenience are a top priority, this may be the moment to buy a brand-new luxury Parisian apartment. Prices are down by as much as 30 percent, and developers are including features such as fully fitted kitchens - once considered extras - as part of the basic

sized apartment, if you can find one, around balf that.

One top-of-the-range example is provided by developers Cogedim, who have launched a residential development in the elegant Passyis scheduled for 1997.

There are two main categories of prestige home buy-ers," says Nicole Riaha of the Immédiation agency. "One set wants a big modern apartment with a huge roof terrace, and the other is looking for something old

floors, molded ceilings and a baronial fire place. In any event, in today's climate. buyers of all categories are unfailingly on the lookout for a hargain as well as a home. They all haggle ruthlessly over the price until the last possible moment."

Ups and downs of prices Francis Briana of Dauphine Rive Gauche calculates that for really exceptional apartments in top districts, it is still possible for sellers to obtain as much as 40,000 francs to 50,000 francs a Trocadéro location. Asking prices average 38,000 francs a square meter, and delivery says that "it is true that prices generally have dropped, but this movement has been much less marked in the case of unusual prop-

erties with true rarity value." At the same time, some observers say prices of new properties may start to rise again as stocks diminish.

bargain. Jean-Marie Dokan of the

Exclusive Terrace agency reckons that there are around 10,000 apartments in the whole of Paris with a roof terrace, nearly all built dur-ing the last 30 years, "Add a well-proportioned terrace to a 3.5-million-franc home overlooking the river, and it becomes a 5-million-franc product," Mr. Dokan says. For example, the agency is currently offering a 600square-meter apartment with a 200-square-meter terrace in the opulent Ranelagh quarter of the 16th ar-

price of 40 million francs. Anyone who finds that too cramped can apply to Jean-Pierre Tregouct at Europe Promotion Immobilier (EPI). His agency is markel-ing a 5,000-square-meter palace set in a 3,200-square-meter garden near the In-valides. At 230 million francs, the place sounds a

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his is no longer the best time to buy in New York, according to Barbara Corcoran, who heads a brokerage house there. "The best time was a year and a half ago," she says. "The bottom has been missed."

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Street crash of 1987 and the subsequent recession kept prices down across the board. Although Ms. Corcoran notes that prices remain as high-end continue to lead about 20 percent lower than they were eight years ago, high-end apartments in the

city have been steadily sbooting upward. Donald Trump raised prices twice in September for 1 Central Park West, a new luxury condominium. Certainly, the old dictum about "location, location, location" being the prime con-

sideration when assessing a residence applies to Manhattan. "If you're spending \$1 million for a residence, you don't want to gamble on socalled burgeoning neighborhoods," says Mr. Trump. When completed sometime next year, 1 Central Park West "might be the single most sought-after piece of residential property in the world for many reasons, not

tion," he says. Success stories Nearby Lincoln Center is certainly one attraction. The biggest success story of the past year has been Millennium Tower at 67th Street and Broadway, only one block from Lincoln Center's con-

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room apartment, they have to pay for it." As a result, buyers are combining smallbaths, through-wall air coner units or converting old in-Ms, Corcoran rates views - either of the city skyline, the East or Hudson rivers (or

decide the value of high-end residences.
"New York City has the greatest views in the world," Mr. Trump says. "The perspective from within Manhattan's skyline is truly un-

both), or Central Park - as a

close second to location

when listing the factors that

The price of prestige Mr. Trump also cites pres-Rising prices are creating

paralleled."

tige. "At the upper end of the market," he says, "it is a good idea to choose a building of significance, an address that speaks for itself."

Trump Tower, for example, which was huilt and sold at the height of the market, is known worldwide. In the 1980s, the best apartments sold for \$1,500 a square foot. Recently, a new owner paid \$1,280 a square foot for a prime apartment, which indicates that prices will very soon regain the 1980s levels.

Amenities are important

Until recently, the Wall ed building is almost sold rapidly. "People who come to high-end clients, particu-Street crash of 1987 and the out, with some two-bedroom bere really want to be in a larly Europeans and others seeking a New York pied-à-

> Ms. Corcoran also cites as important factors a terrace, bigb ceilings, a prewar building with wood moldings and floors, new marble property well."

ditioning, usable wood-burning fireplaces, a formal dining room and modern kitchen. The last will possibly never be fully used, Ms. Corcoran says, adding: "But it's the ultimate New York status symbol and helps sell

Steve Weinstein



In New York, "high-end" properties continue to lead price and de-

OUTLOOK FOR SECOND HOMES

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"Our clients include Germans, Belgians, Dutch, a few English, a few Arabs and a few Spanish," she says, Had the real-estate market been dependent on the English alone – the traditional buyers of property in Spain - the results would have been far less glowing, she admits.

Allegro ma non troppo

The Italian situation falls somewhere in between. Alessandro Ghisolfi, head of research for Milano Centrale Immobiliare, notes that the top end of the real-estate market was the first to be hit by the recession, and luxury apartments in major cities have lost about 40 percent of their value in the past few years. "There are no great signs of recovery yet," he says, "and none is predicted for another two years."

But the recession has affected vacation properties in Italy unevenly, and some resorts have been more heavily hit than others. World-class destinations like Capri and Santa Marguerita have seen prices drop by up to 50 percent. The Costa Smeralda of Sardinia has suffered somewhat less, with

prices down 30 percent to 40 percent. A significant factor in the purchase of a vacation villa in a place like Sardinia is the rental income to be made. Most Italians take their vacation in August, and the wealthiest want to be with their own kind. For 40 million lire (about \$25,000), one can rent a large villa in Porto Cervo, the beart of the Costa Smeralda, for the month of August. That level of income can offset the price of even a multibillion-lire villa and makes it an appealing investment.

Villas in less flashy resorts like Forte di Marmi, near Pisa,

also offer income possibilities. "A large home will rent for 15 million lire to 20 million lire in August," says Mr. Ghisolfi, "but this is a drop from more than 30 million lire a few years ago."

Along Spain's Golden Mile, there is little interest in rental income. "Seventy-five percent of our buyers do not wish to rent out," reports Ms. Wood. "We have a very big weekend market, and six to eight visits a year is common for our buyers who live elsewhere." What she has observed is an increase in the number of buyers who plan to make their purchase a principal residence. A growing number of them have families, so there is a demand for international schools and for neighborhoods with other children.

One consequence of this buyer profile is that seven out of 10 huyers today want villas rather than apartments, "the exact reverse of the situation 10 years ago," says Ms. Wood. Even if the property will not be the principal residence, it is seen as a place where a family will be spending a lot of time. They want a garden, a pool and privacy," she says.

For the Côte d'Azur, one should add an ocean view and southern exposure. The French Riviera is well-supplied with international schools, an international airport and telecommunications connections as sophisticated as its multicultural lifestyle. What it does not have are sufficient numbers of buyers of luxury properties, which is sad for some. And as long as the French franc is maintained at its current level, it is only the bolders of Deutsche marks and other strong currencies who are buying in appreciable numbers.

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Where Stones stop rolling Being able to say that the previous occupier was a Rolling Stone will - as you would expect - cost rather more, but the Wick, on Richmond Hill, is not only the former home of Ronnie Woods, but also a wonderful 1775 hillside house. Okay, so Savills is asking \$3.75 million, but then Mick Jagger and Jerry Hall also live in the neighborhood, and they are not leaving.

Other London specialties include immediately recognizable locations such as Portland Place, where a 1776 house by James Adam - unmodernized hut with "ambassadorial" reception rooms with 18-foot windows - is available for \$1.9 million through agents Aston Chase. The same agents also have a rare Nash-designed terraced property in Regent's Park itself, possi-

bly more typically "London" tban anywhere else. The price is just over \$2 million. and the neighbors are too discreet to be identified.

More generally, according to agents Chestertons, a million dollars will buy a fourbedroom flat or house in Chelsea, Mayfair, St John's Wood or Hyde Park.

The average price of a five-bedroom house in the Hyde Park area and Mayfair is currently \$1.5 million to \$1.8 million. The most expensive apartment in London at present is a penthouse in Knightsbridge, lined with rare marble and beautiful fruit wood inlay work," for which Knight Frank & Rutley is asking \$12 million.

As for the proverbial million-dollar question "Is now the hest time to buy?" there is no easy answer. Overall, property prices in Britain have fallen sharply since 1988 and are still falling, albeit slowly. But the international sector has been relatively immune from this. 🌣 with prices back to 1988 levels in terms of sterling. Realestate agents are, of course, predicting sharp rises imminently, but the shrewd buyer will probably be looking more at exchange-rate futures than agents' hype. Or he could toss a coin.

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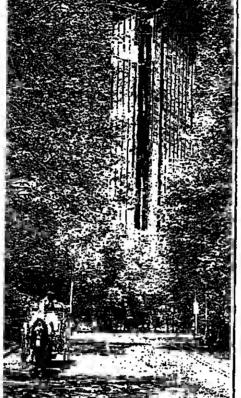
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BANGKOK RANKS HIGH ON the husiness traveler's list of favorite cities, primarily for its leisure activities and excel-

lent dining.
The city hegan life as a 16th-century customs port for foreign ships traveling up the Chao Phya River to the capital at Ayutthaye. On Ayutthaya's destruction by Burmese iovaders, Bangkok became the capital in 1782, rapidly growing into e

wealthy metropolis. For more than a century, urban life was centered on the river, with floating houses and shops, and wharves that haodled the goods of the world. Its sea level elevation precluded the construction of streets, so most travel was along the dozens of canals running on either side of the

In the late 1980s, Thailand experienced explosive growth, putting it among the world's top-three fastest-expanding economies. Bangkok is still renovating for the 21st century, erecting gleaming new office towers and expressways to link them. Despite its vertical expansioo, it has retained the heautiful palaces and monasteries that for centuries lent it exotic al-

lure for travelers. With 8 million of Thailand's 60 million people, Bangkok is the hub of the natioo's economic, political and cultural life. It is also a gateway for the exploration of beautiful hills and shores bound together by broad fields of rice, the foundation stones of the country's pros-

Bangkok is hot and humid for three months of the year until the monsooo rains (June-November) arrive to cool it. Travelers prefer to visit during its approximation of winter (December-February), wheo daytime temperatures drop to a mild 25 degrees Centigrade.

A Getting Around

With Bangkok's heat and chaoue traffic, public transport is problematic. Taxis are air-conditioned, metered and plentiful but are not radio-dispatched; you must stand at the curb and flag one down. Taxi drivers have difficulty with English, making a hotel limousine preferable eveo though more expensive - you can communicate with the driver, and the plush appoint-ments take the edge off waiting out traffic jams.

Allow plenty of time to reach your destination or choose a restaurant near your hotel. For late night fun, take a nik-nik, an open, motorized trishaw. The drivers are harely familiar with English or with the layout of Bangkok. so get someooe to help you communicate. "Thanon"
means "street"; "Soi" means "lane." There is no tipping.

At a Glance

With no street grid, and no major landmarks other than the river and the Grand Palace, Bangkok can easily confound a visitor. To hest experience the city, plunge into a side lane, a quiet monastery courtyard, the old royal city or a market to explore its culture. City center Lumpini Park is always interesting for a jog, a rest or a stroll. A riverside hotel terrace offers intriguing panoramas of the city's vibrant river

Air-conditioned malls save walking by concentrating large numbers of shops and restauraots in a single site. Among the better ones are River City (antiques), World Trade Center (up-market the diner sample many fla-

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goods), Siam Center (trendy clothes) and Oriental Plaza (quality Thai products). The Sathorn-Silom Road area is the city's business district and is home to Patpoog, the nightlife center.

In a Word

Eoglish is not widely spoken, and learning Thai in a day is beyond most visitors abilities - e Thai phrase book is generally unhelpful hecause few visitors can wrap their tongues around Thai's tooal inflections. Hotel staff are generally flueot in English, but once outside the hotel, you are on your own. Ask the hotel receptionist to write the name and location of your destination in Thai and show it to a taxi driver. Many restaurent business cards have Thai-language directions printed on them.

Wining & Dining

Baogkok offers a huge range of diniog options. As gastronomes around the world have discovered. Thai food is delicious. In Thailand, you can find an ecormous vaniety of tastes you may never have suspected existed when dining at a Thai restaurant at home. Most ingredients are fresh from the farm and sea and, despite their succulence, most meals are inexpensive. Bangkok also offers the cuisines of the world. Buffets



abound, but breakfast spots are io short supply; visitors find hotel breakfasts more than satisfying.

As appealing as the food is the ambience of the restaurants. It is possible to dine in a garden, along a river or in an old Thai home. Hotels offer some of the city's best dining. Or try street food in an openfront restaurant, a market or from a vendor's cart. Thais are conscientious about hygiene and the rare tummy troubles are generally caused. not by hacilli, but hy overindulgence in exotic flavors. heaping plates of seafood being the usual culprit. Thais also love to snack, and some sweets, generally with a coconut cream hase.

are too tempting to resist. Wine, heer and mixed drinks are served in most establishments.

Major restaurants assess a 15 per cent service charge; there is none in neighborhood restaurants. Numerous cooking schools let the visitor sample a wide array of Thai dishes and learn how to prepare them at home.

Baan Chiang, 14 Soi Sriveng, Surasak Road. Tel.: 236-7045. A restaurant in an old wooden house that offers delicious Centrel Thailand dishes. Walkable from many

Bali, 15/3 Soi Ruam Rudi, Ploencbit Road. Tel.: 250-0711. Indooesian dishes (including Reistafel, which lets

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Himali Cha Cha, 1229/11 New Road (opposite Soi 36). Tel.: 235-1569. The kitchen is presided over by one of Lord Mounthatten's former chefs. Northern Indian dishes.

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Sukhumvit Road, Tel.: 258-4192. Superh Vietnamese dishes io a beautiful, wooden Lemoo Grass, 5/1 Soi 24,

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Langer Putts Away Torrance, 5 and 4

land - Ryder Cup teammates Bernhard Langer, Colin Montgomerie and Costantino Rocca joined American Lee Janzen in Ernie Els. winning first-round matches Thursday at the World Match Play Championship and mov-

seeded players on Friday. Langer beat Ryder Cup teammate Sam Torrance, 5 and 4, while Montgomerie was a 2up winner over 24-year-old American David Daval, an overwhelming favorite as rook-

ing through to face the four

ie of the year on the U.S tour.
In the two other matches,
Rocca defeated Vijay Singh, 4 and 3, and Janzen won, 7 and 6, over Japan's match play champion, Katsuyoshi Tomori On Friday, Langer will play Nick Price, Mootgomerie will

The Associated Press face U.S. PGA champion Steve VIRGINIA WATER, Eng-Elkington of Australia, Rocca goes in against Masters champion Tom Crenshaw and Janzen will play defending champion All four winners got off to

fast starts in the day's first 18 holes, then came home more or less safely - never losing their leads - on the second 18. Langer's victory over Tor-

rance was fashioned on the greens. He was 4 up after after the first 18, a lead he built in the first eight holes by dropping birdic putts of 20, 9 and 7 feet. 'He didn't make many putts, and that's been his strength all year," Langer said.

Janzen, 3 up after 18 holes, dropped a 15-foot eagle putt on the par-5 12th to end his match after 30 holes.

The American was only 1 up



Bernhard Langer, driving, did more damage on the greens.

on Tomori after 15, but picked up two boles on 16 and 17 when Tomori missed makeable putts and Janzen dropped his to win each hole. Janzen then birdied two of the first four holes on the

second 18 to go 5 up.
Rocca hlistered the first 18 with a 65, making five hirdies and an eagle and didn't drop a shot. Singh managed five birdies himself but had two bogeys.

Montgomerie was 5 up a after 27 holes but Duval birdied the 10th and 11th, then eagled the par-5 12th to draw within

The Scot won the 14th, but then three-putted the 15th from 12 feet to lose it, then lost another at the 16th with a bogey to Duyal's hirdie. They halved the 17th and Montgomerie clinched by winning the 18th.

As Euro '96 Nears the Wire, The Calculators Come Out

France, However, Is Counting Its Blessings

By Ian Thomsen

LONDON — On their soccer calendar, under the date of Nov. 15, the French were scheduled to have a nightmare. On that evening, France is to play its final European Championship qualifier against Israel: tiny, harmless Israel, with just three victories in nine matches.

The French elephant was all affright. Israel, with its last-minutes upset two years ago in Paris, precipitated the embarrassing collapse that kept France from qualifying for the last World Cup finals. The last thing the French wanted was to remind themselves, and everyone else, of that failure by having to depend on a last-match victory against Israel this time to reach the Euro '96 finals. On Wednesday night in Bucharest the

French seemed to recast their attitude, if not their fortune, with a 3-1 victory. Romania had lost only twice at home in the last decade, while the French were having to make do upfront without Eric Cantona, David Ginola and Jean-Pierre Papin. Perhaps, mischievously, they felt a little hit like Israel, with little to lose: They attacked for a pair of first-half goals, then quashed the Romanian comeback with a 73dminute drive by Zinedine Zidane high into the nearest corner.

The victory assured France of finishing second in Group 1, with a chance of winning the group outright should Romania stumble again next month in Slovakia. Facts are, however, that only three teams - England, with automatic qualification as host, Russia and highly-rated Spain - are certain of being among the 16 finalists next summer.

The eight group winners qualify automatically, as will six of the teams finishing second. The two other second-place teams will have a playoff Dec. 13 in Liv-

erpool for the one remaining place.

It would appear that Bulgaria, Germany,

of making the finals. "We've done our maths and we're sure we're there." said Scotland's manager, Craig Brown.

The doubt comes in part from the complex system of ratings and tiebreakers. The two teams forced into the playoff will be decided by a system rating each team's record against the first-, third- and fourth-place teams within its group. Obviously that can't be worked our until the

last matches Nov. 15. For example, their victory Wednesday seemed to relieve the French of their anxiety. But if they lose to Israel again, they could wind up in the playoff, with a chance of missing the finals.

Based on current standings, the remaining finalists would be Romania, Switzerland, Norway, defending champion Denmark, Italy, France and Turkey, with the Czech Republic meeting Ireland in the playoff.

However, Norway is involved in a three-way race with the Czechs and The Netherlands, and a loss in The Netherlands next month could leave Norway out in the cold in more ways than one.

Ireland's flimsy hold on second place in Group 6 will depend on its away match against the leader, Portugal. Anything less than a victory would allow Austria — provided it wins in Northern Ireland — to move ahead into second place. Ireland's manager, Jack Charlton, still blaming his team's scoreless draw this summer against Lichtenstein - it has scored one goal, allowed 40 in group play — has said be probably will resign should Ireland fail.

The Italians are also at risk, though they have two matches to play. If they fail to win at home against Ukraine on Nov. 11, the World Cup finalists will leave themselves a winner-take-all match at home against Lithuania to decide second place in Group

Among those already climinated are Sweden, third in the last World Cup, and the Portugal, Croatia and Scotland are certain World Cup teams Belgium and Greece.

Hodgson Seeks Swiss Release

The Associated Press

GENEVA — He qualified Switzer-land for the World Cup for the first time since 1966. He has virtually assuring it a berth in the European Championship for the first time. Now Roy Hodgson says he wants to leave. Capping weeks of speculation, the English coach announced Thursday that he wants to end his four-year reign as Switzerland's national team coach

and accept a lucrative offer to go to the

Italian league. I have asked the Swiss federation to release me early from my contract so that I can immediately take up the offer to coach Inter Milan, Hodgson

No formal details of the deal with Inter have been made public. Swiss newspapers have reported Hodgson may earn about \$2 million for a twoyear contract.

Inter dismissed Ottavio Bianchi on Sept. 25 after a 1-1-2 start and firstround elimination from the UEFA Cup by Lugano of Switzerland. It has been run on an interim basis by Luis Suarez. Hodgson had delayed making a final decision until after Wednesday's crucial European Championship qualifier

against Hungary.

His decision had been widely predicted as he had made no secret of his longing to work with a top team in one of the world's most prestigious leagues. The SFV, which said it will decide Friday whether to release him early, has previously indicated it will oot hold him if he chooses to leave.

Hodgson, the son of a London bus driver, has been variously dubbed 'King Roy' and the 'new William Tell,' for the wonders he has worked with the Swiss team. And in a country not known for charismatic public figures, the Englishman has also been voted top Swiss personality.

Swiss Test Is Said to Detect Illegal Growth Hormone

By Paul Gains New York Times Service

NEW YORK - After years of research, a Swiss medical team says it has developed a reliable test to detect human growth hormone, long believed to be the performance-enhancing drug of choice by many athletes in track and field and weight lifting.

The test could be validated for use by the International Olympic Committee, which has expressed concern over the use of human growth hormone, before the 1996 Summer Games in Atlanta.

Athletes use human growth hormone,

or hGH, to increase lean body mass and ed. By using a combination of these tests, strength. It is often used in combination he said, he expected to weed out any false with another banned muscle developer, anabolic steroids. Most anabolic steroids are detectable through urine testing.

Dr. Marcel Saugy, deputy director of the IOC-accredited laboratory in Lausanne, said his team can measure concentrations of hGH in urine through a process known as enzyme immunometric assay, a widely used laboratory technique

that measures physiological changes. Saugy said his laboratory is developing several backup tests to measure the presence of other substances that increase in concentration when hGH has been inject- this are money and political will.

positives and determine with accuracy the presence of hGH in an athlete's urine. 'We are oow discussing with the IOC

medical commission doing validation experiments," Saugy said recently. "I think this validation could take something like six months to one year."

One of the key unresolved issues affecting the test would be the ability to establish profiles for each Olympic athlete. A growing oumber of people in sports medicine favor this process of tracking individual athletes. The major obstacles to

SIDELINES

IAAF Expands Meets

PARIS - The IAAF's 1996 Grand Prix schedule, announced Thursday, included oew events in Japan, Australia, Russia, South Africa and India. The top-tier Grand Prix I

meets will start in São Paulo May 5, then move to Tokyo for a new event May 12, with a new stop in Moscow on June 7. In the second-level Grand Prix II series, a meet in Melbourne will open the season Feh. 29. There also will be meets in Johannesburg on April 14 and in

For the Record

New Deihi on April 28.

The Rugby League Centenary World Cup said three Los Angeles players had been ejected after cologny positive drug tests: South African Pierre Grobbelaar, New Zealander Syd Eru and France's Stephane Millet.

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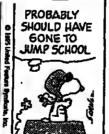


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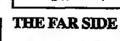








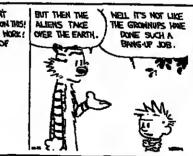






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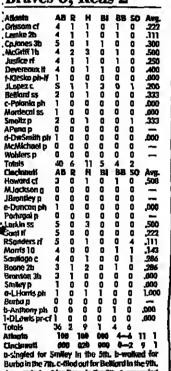
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Orel Hershiser's slight-by-hand: Just four hits in eight innings.

Hershiser Jinxes the Mariners' Magic Pitcher Stifles Seattle as Indians Win, 5-2, to Even AL Series

By Murray Chass
New York Times Service

SEATTLE - For once, the Mariners' Magic Kingdome wasn't. For the first time in five postseason games, the home that has treated the Mariners like kings (but which they are trying to replace) failed to deliver. Maybe Orel Hershiser had something to do with it.

Hershiser, the wily veteran of Los Angeles Dodgers postseason adven-tures, stifled the Seattle bats as the Cleveland Indians won, 5-2, on Wednesday night and evened the American League Championship Se-

ries at one game each.
The Indians' Manny Ramirez, who went without a hit in the three-game division series against Boston, hit two home runs and began a two-run flurry with the second of his two

The four-of-seven-game series will resume Friday night in Cleveland, with Randy Johnson, the eague's No. 1 pitcher, working for the Mariners and Charles Nagy for

"The prospect of being down 0-2 and facing Randy Johnson on Fri-day," said the Indians' manager, Mike Hargrove, "is oot one that would make your appetite stay with you very long. This was a very hig win for us tonight."

the Mariners to four hits in eight innings, three singles and a sixthinning home run by Ken Griffey Jr., as he raised his postseason record to 6-0 and lowered his earned-run av-

erage to 1.47. The 37-year-old National League expatriate, who also beat the Mariners in his only previous appearance against them at the Kingdome on July 30, walked one and struck out seven, allowing no runner other than Griffey to move beyond second base.

Most strategically, he did not let the Mariners mount the kind of lateinning rallies that had won them their first four games in the Kingdome. three against the New York Yankees and ooe against the Indians.

Indeed, Jay Buhner hit a home run against Jose Mesa in the ninth inning, but the league's No. 1 relief pitcher did not allow the Mariners to spoil what Hershiser had wrought the first eight innings.

Explaining why Hershiser was so effective. Tino Martinez, Seattle's first baseman, said be kept getting ahead of hitters with two strikes.

"He got ahead of me 0-2 the first three times," Martinez said. "I'm an aggressive hitter; I like to hit early in the count. But I didn't get anything good to hit. He just made a lot of good pitches consistently early in the

Provided by Hershiser. He limited count, hitting the outside half, hitting tories in the 1988 World Series, did the Mariners to four hits in eight the inside half, throwing backdoor not pitch as effectively as his former curveballs for strikes.

Hargrove credited Hershiser with being "able to focus and concentrate better or more consistently than anybody I've been around.'

Asked how he was able to accomplish that concentration with 58,000 screaming fans, Hershiser said: "I like the ooise and the music and the fans when they rise to the crescendo. It allows you to know this is a hig pitch, a big moment. I have to

He did it often, striking out Tino Martinez with two on and two out in the first inning, retiring Edgar Mar-tinez on a fly ball with two out and a runner at second base in the third, and getting Joey Cora on a grounder with two out and a runner at second in the

After Griffey hit his sixth home run in seven postseason games as the leadoff hitter in the sixth inning, Hershiser retired the next three batters, then another five in a row before Griffey singled in the eighth. Hershiser completed his evening's outing by getting Edgar Martinez on a fly to center field. The two Martioezes and Buhner, the middle of the Mariners' lineup, did not get a hit in nine times

Tim Belcher, who with Hershiser got three of the Dodgers' four vic- to execute in that situation.

Carlos Baerga drove in the first two runs with a bases-loaded single to cemer in the fifth, Ramirez first homered with two out in the sixth and the Indians added another run that inning on Paul Sorrento's single and a

triple by Sandy Alomar Jr. Belcher, in admiration, said Hershiser looked just like he remembered him from the 1988 postseason, except for the uniform.

Eighteen months after that World Series, Hershiser underwent shoulder surgery and only this season has he regained much of the ability he had before the injury.

"It's pretty doggone close," said Hershiser, who last week shut out the Red Sox in a seven-and-one-thirdinning performance. "It really is. I've come so far. Now to actually have regained almost everything back, it's very humbling and it's fantastic,

He referred to his signing with the Indians as a free agent last April. fewer than three weeks before the season started.

Being the so-called hired gun. he said, "and the guy that was going to put the icing on the cake for the Indians, and to have the pressure and that load to carry, to have a game like

Reds Are Wondering Where the Fans Went

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche. CINCINNATI - Marge Schott, owner of the Reds, called it disgusting. The players were embarrassed. The National League office said it was

Wednesday night, the Reds and Braves once again failed to sell out Riverfront Stadium. It was the most empty seats for consecutive playoff games since the Oakland Athletics drew 27,497 and 24,265 in Games 4 and 5 in the 1973 American League Championship Series.

"We shouldn't be mad at the fans. We're to blame for the empty sears," said the Reds' general manager, Jim Bowden. "Baseball is going through a tough year with the strike. I'm disappointed, but I was disappointed, too, when we got to L.A. and saw all of the empty seats."

But the crowd of 58, 144 at the Kingdome to see

But the crowd of 58,144 at the Kingdome to see Game 2 between Scattle and Cleveland was the largest for an AL playoff game since 1986, when 64,223 saw California play Bostoo in Anaheim Stadium, and the largest ever to see the Mariners

The Reds were stunned when they walked onto the field and were surrounded by a sea of empty

seats for Game I. Capacity is 52,952.
"We couldn't believe it," Reggie Sanders said.
"We walked out at 7:30, and we're thinking. 'Wow, where is everybody? Hmm, maybe they'll come later.' They never came. I don't know where they were.'

Said Leonard Coleman, National League president: "Obviously, we're disappointed there weren't more people. I can't really explain it except for the lingering effect of the work stop-

However, the first game got a 31.6 rating and a 50 share in Cincinnati, Nielsen Media Research said Wednesday, while the AL game got the highest national rating for a baseball playoff game in seven years: a 14.6 rating, up 24 percent from

the prime-time ratings two years ago.

The rating is the percentage watching a program among the 95.9 million television households in the United States. The share is the percentage tuned to a program among those televisions on at the time. (LAT, AP) televisions on at the time.

Braves Win Again, in 10, Behind Strong Bullpen

By Claire Smith New York Times Service

CINCINNATI — The Atlanta Braves and Cincinnati Reds tested their hullpens and benches with a second successive extra-inning game in the National League

Championship Series.
The Braves, 2-1 winners in 11 innings the night before, triumphed in 10 innings Wednesday night because their hits were more opportune and the Reds' bullpen failed for the second time.

Mark Portugal, Cincinnati's sixth pitcher, loaded the bases on two hits sandwiched around an intentional walk, theo wildpitched home the go-ahead run. When he then yielded a two-out, three-run homer to Javier Lopez, the Braves had a 6-2 victory before 43,257 spectators and 9,695 empty seats in Riverfront Stadium.

"This is a team that has many wins in the last inning," Lopez said. "We've been there so many times before. We're used to it. No matter where we play, home or away, we're going to play hard."

The Braves are in an enviable situation. They will turn to Greg Maddux for Game 3 when the best-of-seveo series resumes in Atlanta on Friday.

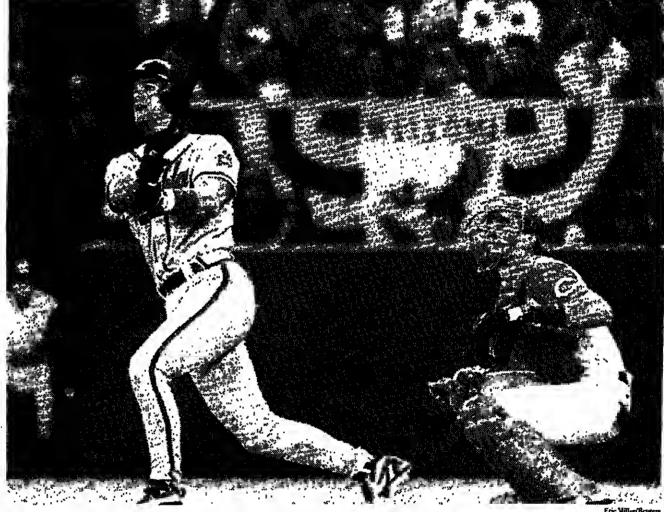
The Reds, who will counter with the lefthander David Wells, have to hope their offense gets untracked against Maddux, 19-2 this season but 1-2 with a 8.10 earned-

run average in postseasoo appearances.

'Nothing better than going home with
two wins and Maddux pitching the game," Lopez said. Already, the Braves' fine pitching has held the Reds to three runs in 21 innings.

John Smoltz allowed only two runs in seven innings this time, then the hullpen stopped the Reds for another three innings running the relievers' total of scoreless innings to seven in two games.

"They've held us down," said Davey Johnson, the Reds' manager. "We scored one run last night. Tonight, my bench and a double steal scored all the runs. "I'd rather credit their bullpen than say we're in a cold



Javier Lopez hit a two-out, three-run homer in the 10th, but the Reds had already come unraveled with a wild pitch.

pelling statistics of this series. For instance, Reggie Sanders, a symbol of the team's struggles at the plate, struck out four times. He has fanned five times in the series and 10 times daring to the final game of the first round of the playoffs against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Sanders, 3 for 20 in the postseason, did get an infield hit. It was only one of two the Reds culled from their Nos. 3-4-5 batters, from whom they have one run batted in two

The Reds showed life in one inning. Trailing by 2-0 in the fifth, they finally dusted off a valued asset: speed. And it helped end a scoreless streak that had stretched to 12 innings dating to the fourth inning of Game 1.

First, pinch-hitter Lenny Harris drove in a run with a two-out single, the third hit of the inning off Smoltz. Then, with Jeff offense, authored Atlanta's successes here.

Johnson could not overlook some com- Branson on third, Harris took off for sec- Cincinnati stranded nine runners, six after ond. Lopez threw to second only to find Branson barreling home.

When the third baseman slid in head-

first with the tying run, the Reds had only their first two steals of the series. And though it was a double steal, it was the first steal of home in a postseason game since Reggie Jackson of the A's did it against Detroit in Game 5 of the 1972 American League Championship Series. The Braves scored their initial runs ear-

ly. Chipper Jones, 0 for 9 this season Portugal followed with an 0-2 wild pitch, against the Reds' starter, John Smiley, singled in a run in the first inning. In the fourth, Fred McGriff hit the first of

his three consecutive doubles, then scored on a one-out double by the pesky Mike Devereaux, the utility outfielder whose sin-

the sixth inning. Two were left oo in the eighth when Alejandro Pena caught Sanders looking at a 1-2 pitch. Benito Sanuago, batting with two runners in scoring position, then struck out swinging. "It wasn't looking too good, but he was able to get out of it," McGriff said. Portugal was not able to get out of it. Not

after Mark Lemke singled, a one-out intentional walk to McGriff and David Justice's single loaded the bases in the 10th. with pinch-hitter Ryan Klesko at the plate, and the Braves had their victory. If it continues to go in the same direction,

the Reds will sooo be eliminated. And the Braves will go to their third World Series in baseball's last four postseasons, a run they figure can only be improved by the missing ingredient in their winning formula of the '90s: a world championship.

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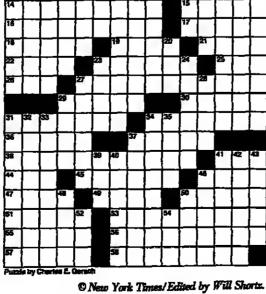
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A Patient's Paradise

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — The symp- had our phone service trans-toms were worrisome, ferred from our old phone com-They included agonizing ab pany, with its bankruptive rates. dominal and chest pains, spinal to a company that offered free numbness from top to bottom, calls to Hong Kong. Uncle and a brilliant chartreuse rash Wang was ecstatic when he from clavicle to kneecap.

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'Doctor," I incoherently mumbled, "take my rubies and take my pearls, take my camels and all my girls. A bleak diagnosis is wanted for the rich maharajah of Magador."

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This was just one of my amazing adventures in Tubeland. It is the home office of eternal happiness, the Heaven of a godless age. For instance, a cashier's window on the way woman who behaved as if she out and sign over house, car, were a close relative told me to shirt off my back and all future phone the good news to Uncle earnings? Not in Tubeland. Wang in Hong Kong. I said. In Tubeland, hospital b one, I didn't have an Uocle and miraculous pills are always Wang in Hong Kong, and two, I paid in full by affable. comwouldn't phone Hong Kong if 1 passi did because it was wasteful to nies. call international long-distance to ask, "How's the weather over there in Hong Kong?"

This woman who behaved like a close relative said: "You don't believe I'm really a close tioning. relative either because you don't believe in close relatives who have agents, hairdressers and tummy tucks, but things are dif-

ferent in Tubeland. Phone Uncle

What a delight! She had just heard the doctor had said My-The family kept begging me lanta. "How's the weather over

> The happiness was incessant in Tubeland. Beautiful new cars constantly unloaded happiness from Japan, Germany and De-troit. Patent medicines swiftly disposed of grouchy digestive onsets, replaced headache's agony with smiles and ended insomnia, bringing sleep that knitted care's raveled sleeve

The most heartwarming delights, however, came from the medical crises. These went on endlessly. Drug manufacturers, giant hospital corporations and health-insurance companies competed day and night to pro-

vide ever happier endings. Did we have to stop at the

In Tubeland, hospital bills passionate insurance compa-

They never refuse coverage to the decrepit and never cancel your insurance because you get sick. What's more, they didn't think the cost was worth men-

Dorothy would not have been so pleased to be back bome if she had passed up Oz for Tubeland. New York Times Service

Robert Harris Wraps 'Enigma' Into a Mystery

By Alan Riding New York Times Service

K INTBURY, England — The immense success of Robert Harris's first novel, "Fatherland," ennewspaper columnist and buy a rambling Victorian mansion in an idyllic Financial Times. corner of Berkshire 60 miles west of London It also left him with the challenge of writing a second novel that would not be considered a let-

After all, "Fatherland," a thriller built on the premise that Nazi Ger-

The novel recounts the role played by a motley gang of decoders in winning World War II.

many won World War II, was something of a happy accident. He wrote the book because he needed the money to pay his mortgage, but no newspaper bothered to interview him before its publication; no one was waiting for it. Published in 1992, the book went on to sell 4 million copies worldwide.

But with his next novel, "Enigma," set among British intelligence officers trying to break Germany's wartime codes, be faced the pressure of expectations even before he began

It was the first of a lucrative three-book contract with Random House, it was already sold in many countries and it was the subject of a BBC documentary on the making of a best

Finally, "Enigma" has been published here with a roar of publicity, and this 3g-year-old writer can relax. To judge by reviews in the British press, be has passed the "second-novel" test.

More than one reviewer said he was a thriller writer in the British tradition of Eric Ambler, Len Deighton, John le Carré and John

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Buchan. The book, which was published in the United States by Random House this month, is at the top of the British best-seller list.

'Harris bas fashioned a story that is as humane, intelligent and gripping abled him to give up his job as a as documentary fiction can get," the critic Anthony Quinn wrote in The

> Other reviews were equally warm. "This is a story of intelligence, romance, twisted logic and necessary compromise," Peter Millar wrote in The Times of London, adding that it was "altogether top-class stuff."

Approval also came from Lord Jenkins, a former Labor minister who was among those struggling with the German codes at a remote country estate called Bletchley Park. " 'Enigma' totally gripped me and made me feel that I must have missed a few things at Bletchley," be said in The Sunday Times.

The setting for "Enigma" is in a sense familiar to many Britons; after the secret life of Bletchley Park was revealed 20 years ago, innumerable newspaper articles and several nonfiction books have recounted the role played by the motley gang of anony-mous decoders in winning the war. Harris's inspiration, however, was simply to recognize the fictional pos-

sibilities in a story. "I loved the idea of a code breaker as detective, of a man searching out for meaning in what appears to be random and chaotic," he said in an interview at his home here. 'This is the heart of all mysteries.'

The story also brought him back to a subject - World War II - that had long absorbed him. Already in the mid-1980s, he had delved into that period in the most successful of his five nonfiction books, "Selling Hitler," the story of the forging of the Hitler diaries.
And eveo "Fatherland" was first

conceived as a nonfiction book, this time about the Europe that Hitler dreamed of creating.

But a summer vacation in Sicily in

1987 changed his plan, "There were a lot of German tourists on the beach," he said, "and if you closed your eyes, you could just imagine you were in the victorious German empire. Sud- enemy of thriller writing, where you



Harris at Bletchley Park, where German codes were broken.

denly, everything came to me as a have to use language to mislead, to be novel, the idea of a cover-up, a sequence of deaths, someone investigating them. I went splashing into the water, and by the time I came back onto the beach I had it written in my than the times we live in now

But the next stage proved more tricky. After more than a decade as a journalist for the BBC, The Observer and The Sunday Times, the transition to fiction was not easy. "The virtues of journalism - clarity, simplicity and all those sorts of things - are the

more elusive," be said. Still, his near-obsession with

'It was a period so much more epic than the times we live in now," he said. "For my generation, there is a sense of something not having happened, that we have not been tested. When people ask me why I am so fascinated with that period, I just say, 'Why aren't you?'

German publishers were not per-

'One after another turned down certain romantic appeal.'

'Fatherland,' often in insulting terms,'' Harris said, "They said; This is a disgrace. This is not something we can be associated with. My agent told me there were 25 rejections." But in the end, a Swiss publisher brought the book out in German, and to date it has sold 200,000

copies in Germany. Now Harris has returned to World War II. But "Enigma," which was also the name of the German code machine, required extensive re-search. He studied the history of the naval war, notably the allies' Battle of the Atlantic against German U-boats. He interviewed many people who worked at Bletchley Park in the early

And, most challenging, he had to wrestle with complex mathematics to explain how the codes were broken.

The drab, ultra-secretive installation at Bletchley, be discovered, had as many as 6,000 employees in 1943. but the elite comprised an eccentric band of British and foreign refugee intellectuals, aided by young women carefully picked from upper-class British families.

And, paradoxically, they often gathered crucial information that could not be used for fear of revealing to the Germans that they possessed a captured Enigma machine

Having learned all be could about this 'real' world, Harris then introduced his story about Tom Jericho, a brilliant young mathematician who collapsed with exhaustion after breaking one crucial code and who is recalled after the U-boat codes are

suddenly changed.

And it is at this point, with tension mounting as a million-ton convoy sets off from the United States, that Jericho concludes there is a spy at Bletchley.

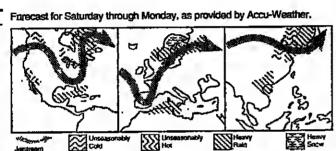
So, Harris was asked, is the book a celebration of British amateurism?

"There's a bit of that," he conceded. "Just as the British benefited from that tradition, the Germans were undone by the ruthless military efficiency, which made it easier to read their messages. The idea of brains taking on brute strength does have a

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president's wife writing about? In this week's installment of her syndicated column, which is published every Sunday in 100-odd newspapers. Hillary Rodham Clinton posed the question: "How can romance thrive when you live above the office with a 'round-the-clock staff?' Her answer, on the occasion of the Clintons' 20th wedding anniversary, is a reaser: she said it would be too cold to celebrate with a dip in the pool. "But I think I've come up with an equally romantic way to mark the day. You might be able to guess what it is. But sorry, I'm not telling." Regarding one of Washington's more discussed mar- have to get out and see America," riages: "I know it sounds corny, but we love each other more now than when we

Secretary-General Boutros Boutros Ghali, whose organization is rarely accused of running like a Swiss watch, revealed that he has approved a new line of Swatches, the mass-market line of Swiss watches, to commemorate the organization, which is currently celebrating its 50th anniversary. The idea is to make the

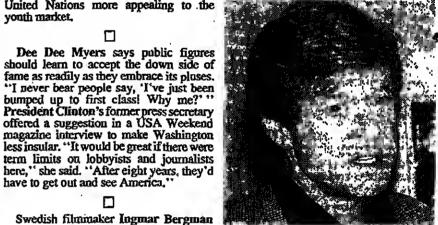
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offered a suggestion in a USA Weekend magazine interview to make Washington less insular. "It would be great if there were

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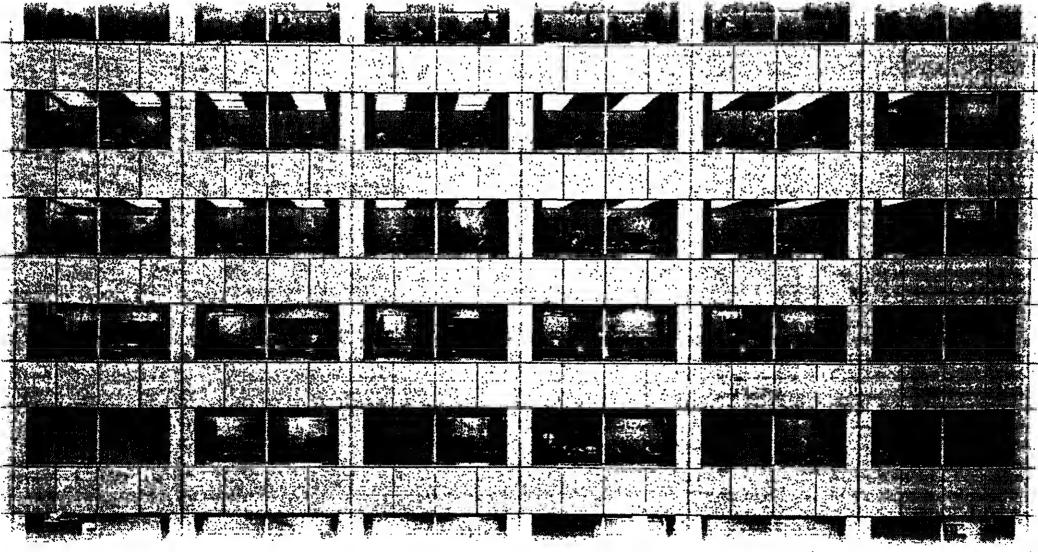
Bergman gets \$200,000.

Robert Redford has agreed to an authorized biography that is being written by the Irish writer Michael Feeney Callan, said Jeremy Trevathan, a director at the



Robert Redford: authorized version.

British publisher Macmillan. "When he heard about Callan's book he was unhappy, but he was persuaded to look at a biography of British actor Authory Hopkins that Callan wrote," said Trevathan. "Michael and Robert met and he has now authorized the biography.



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